

***Town of Hamden Human Rights and Relations Commission***  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting of**  
**November 10, 2016**

**Attendance:** Davis Lee Asbery, Michelle Forte, Gniyu S. Mimiko, Martha Walker, Stephen Wilson

**Absent:** Tracy Bowens, Wanda Anderson Harris, Aissa Lugo,

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Asbery called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Asbery entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2016. Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2016, seconded by Ms. Walker. *The motion carried unanimously.*

**Correspondence**

None.

**Old Business:**

- a. Review and discuss questions for meeting with Police Chief Wydra – Chairman Asbery called the Chief and left a message for a return call. He also sent an email and will send another if he doesn't get a reply by next week. Chairman Asbery received three questions from Mr. Wilson but would like the member to please submit three questions as soon as is possible for review and decision prior to the meeting with Chief Wydra. Some questions are, what is the number of minority on the force African American, white, female, Latino? What is the application process? What is in place to review conduct of the officers? Chairman Asbery will wait for other questions, compile them and send them to the members for the review and decision.
- b. Discuss Martha's meeting with Mayor Leng and Hamden Superintendent of Schools – Ms. Walker advised the members that she has provided the Mayor's office with possible meeting dates, November 14, 16, 21, 29 and 30. She received a call from Ms. Rose Lion in the Mayor's office but with election week she wasn't able to get back to her and will call her tomorrow, Friday. The focus at the meeting will be Education. Ms. Walker noted that the high school has no minority teachers and would like to discuss ways to recruit minorities into the program. Ms. Walker feels the Town is not fully in possibly not in compliance with affirmative action and would like to work with the Mayor to achieve this.
- c. Movie Night –request Superintendent of Hamden to select film and consider Coach Wilson's daughter CNN film – a lengthy discussion ensued regarding films, selecting and how to present them to the students. Ms. Forte noted there are films available to educate at

no cost and some schools do integrate movies into their curriculum. Chairman Asbery will send an email to Mr. Levy, the middle school principal to discuss movies, how to present and what movies would be best.

- d. Recap the subject of a workshop for 25 J & J kids; two trips scheduled – Chairman Asbery reported that the event was successful. He felt the student were engaged and would like to do this annually. He will put a proposal together for future discussion.
- e. Chaperones needed for college fair, bus trip to New York - Chairman Asbery asked the members if they would like to be chaperones for this upcoming trip. There are approximately 38 students. He would like to do this annually.

Ms. Forte mentioned postings for the web page. Chairman Asbery advised the members that the clerk Patrice LeMoine was going to help get support from Alyson Heimer a member of the Hamden Library Board. Chairman Asbery will follow up on this matter.

**New Business:**

None.

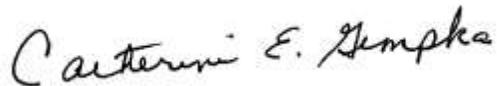
**Executive Session, if requested** – not at this time.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:12 p.m. Mr. Mimiko motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Walker. *The motion passed unanimously.*

*The next meeting will be Thursday December 8, 2016 7:00 p.m. the Third Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center Hamden CT.*

Recorded by,



Catherine E. Gempka  
Substitute Clerk