

**Town of Hamden
Human Rights and Relations Commission
Regular Meeting
May 11th, 2023
7:00 pm
Via Zoom/ Electronically**

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Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Cardwell called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
- 2. Attendance**
 - a. In Attendance:** Sean Cardwell, Chairman; Herbert Brockman; Ganiyu Mimiko
 - b. Absent:** Martha Walker
 - c. Also in Attendance:** Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
- 3. Public Comment**
 - a.** Chairman Cardwell made a motion to add “Public Comment” to the agenda. All were in favor. As there were no public attendees, Mr. Cardwell moved on to the next agenda item.
- 4. Approval of Past Minutes:** March 9th, 2023
 - a.** Mr. Brockman made a motion to accept the minutes from March 9th, 2023. Mr. Mimiko seconded and all were in favor.
- 5. Correspondence-** N/A
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. Update on MLK Mural**
 - i.** Chairman Cardwell meets with the committee next week and will update the commission if anything else needs to be done for the mural project. At this time, one paint day already took place in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations. At the time of this meeting, a final paint day was taking place at the Keefe Center from 5pm-8pm. The unveiling of the mural will take place on Juneteenth.
 - b. Earth Day**
 - i.** Chairman Cardwell was happy to report that the event resulted in positive interaction and engagement with the public. He encouraged passersby to apply and help fill the commission vacancies.
- 7. New Business**

a. Community Outreach

- i.** Chairman Cardwell called on Rabbi Brockman to speak on the recent antisemitic letters that were sent to members in the local Jewish community. In response, Mayor Garret, along with Mayor Elicker of New Haven, condemned racism and antisemitism at a rally in downtown New Haven. Chairman Cardwell requested any follow-up from Rabbi Brockman, and suggested the commission contact the mayor for a response.

b. Guest Speaker: June 2023

- i.** There was a brief discussion regarding several suggestions for next month's guest speaker. None were finalized.

c. Thoughts and Ideas- N/A

8. Executive Session (if requested)- N/A

- 9. Adjournment:** At 7:21 pm, Mr. Mimiko made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Rabbi Brockman. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk