

**Town of Hamden**  
**Human Rights and Relations Commission**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Via Zoom/ Electronically**

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### Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** As a quorum was unable to be met, an informal discussion took place at 7:07 pm.
- 2. Attendance**
  - a. In Attendance:** Sean Cardwell, Chairman; Rabbi Herbert Brockman; Ganiyu Mimiko; Weruche George
  - b. Also In Attendance:** Marji Lipshez-Shapiro, ADL (Anti-defamation League); Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk
  - c. Absent:** Judith Goldberg; Mike Thompson; Martha Walker; Tracy Bowens
- 3. Approval of Past Minutes-** October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - a. As a quorum was not met, the approval of the October minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
- 4. Correspondence -N/A**
- 5. Guest Speakers-** Ms. Marji Lipshez-Shapiro- Deputy Director for the ADL
  - a. Ms. Marji Lipshez-Shapiro began her presentation with an ADL video showcasing what the world would be like if famous civil rights leaders had not been killed, and therefore could have continued on with their progress. She then encouraged a brief discussion amongst commissioners, regarding why they chose to be on the commission. Ms. Lipshez-Shapiro then explained the origins of the ADL (Anti-Defamation League), the ongoing work the group champions, and the challenges they face. She explained that some of the key tenets of the ADL include investigation/research; providing education and expertise to law enforcement, political officials, and schools/colleges; and advocacy work with regards to immigration reform, refugee rights, and racial justice. She emphasized the importance of celebrating one's own identity, but also embracing and protecting that of our neighbors.
- 6. Old Business- N/A**
  - a. Update on Mural**
  - b. Monthly Movie Series: Discuss December movie**

- c. Mission/ Purpose: changes and implantation**
- 7. New Business-N/A**
  - a. Election: scheduling meeting with Mayor Garrett**
  - b. Community Outreach: events this month**
  - c. Guest speaker: December Guest**
- 8. Thoughts and Ideas- N/A**
- 9. Executive Session- N/A**
- 10. Adjournment:** The informal discussion adjourned at 7:59 pm.

**Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk**