

ONEONTA, NEW YORK - AUGUST 23, 2012 - 7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND
HUMAN RIGHTS**

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PRESENT: Commissioner Jeremy Redlien
Commissioner Fida Mohammad
Commissioner Teresa Sivvers
Commissioner Tom Kelly (Acting Chair for this meeting)
Council Member Russ Southard

ABSENT: Chair Joyce Miller

[Due to a machine malfunction the meeting did not record. Acting Chair Kelly submitted a written summary of the meeting as follows:]

PETITIONERS

Daily Star reporter and photographer present to inquire about the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee (see Old Business)

Two city residents were present to discuss the proposed parking lot on East Street. They mistakenly attended the wrong meeting and were informed of the correct meeting by Council Member Southard. During the subsequent discussion, two problems were identified: one concerned a problem with street lighting on Monroe Street and the other a problem with a sign post in the vicinity of 171 East Street. Council Member Southard advised he would look into both issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cornel West will be at SUNY Oneonta on September 4th at 7 PM in the Hunt Union ballroom. It is an event to recognize the 20th anniversary of the "Black List." West is the author of *Race Matters* and *Democracy Matters*. He appears on "Real Time with Bill Maher," "the Colbert Report," CNN, C-Span and on Tavis Smiley's PBS television show.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The commission approved the minutes of the regular meetings held July 26, 2012, as written, without benefit of a motion.

OLD BUSINESS

Acting Chair Kelly reported the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Student Conduct has completed its report and submitted it to the Mayor. Further comments on the report and work of the committee should be directed to Mayor Miller.

Discussion continued regarding what programs the Commission might be able to facilitate or bring to the city in the way of educating the general public. Topics on diversity and Safe Space (LGBTQ-related) were discussed, with no plans or programs firmed up. Commissioner Mohammad agreed to research diversity-related training opportunities through SUNY Oneonta. Conversations will continue among the Committee members.

The Committee had no suggestions for additional members to be considered for our Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

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There being no further business to come before the commission, Acting Chair Kelly adjourned the regular meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.

JAMES R. KOURY, City Clerk

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