

City of Greensboro

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

MINUTES

May 20, 2014

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened for its regular monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the above date in the City Council Chamber, 2nd floor of the Melvin Municipal Office Building. Chair Foy presided.

Present: Vickie Henry, Viola Fuller, Felicia Angus, Linda Mabry, Chalene Peterson

Excused Absences: Joy Cook, Lindy Perry-Garnette, Andrea Coombs

Human Relations Department Staff: Donna Gray, Human Relations Senior Manager and Isabel Gil, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chair Henry.

RECOGNITION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Chair Henry welcomed the new appointed Commissioners and asked individuals to introduce themselves. Newly appointed Commissioner Linda Mabry is the founder and executive director of Women in Organizing who support women organizers and their efforts in the community. She stated she is interested in working with Domestic Violence and Health issues. Commissioner Felicia Angus also introduced herself, stating she has been working with teen moms assisting with their children and the need for transportation to different athletic activities. In addition, she has worked in the Caribbean community assisting with activities and helping people to maintain a connection to their culture. She would like to see women in Greensboro have more transparency and have the same opportunities as men, especially in the entrepreneurship field, as she is an entrepreneur herself.

Report from the Chair – Commissioner Vickie Henry

In the Executive meeting the Commissioners discussed the CSW's participation in three major events:

- 1) Domestic Violence Forum taking place on June 21 from 9am-1pm at Glenwood Recreation Center in partnership with The Color of Reason, the Top Ladies of Distinction, Women in Organizing and Family Services of the Piedmont. There will be a panel with about 10 speakers and a short film.
- 2) The 50 + Forum will be on June 25 from 9-1 pm at the Smith Senior Center, around 20 vendors have confirmed their participation.
- 3) The Women's Equality Day Breakfast will take place at the Terrace, Greensboro Coliseum on August 23 at 7:30 am. Tickets are \$25.00 and the speaker will be Mayor Nancy Vaughn.

Commissioner Henry and Commissioner Mabry had lunch with Tara Romano, president of the NC Women United, along with other groups present. CSW is a member of this organization. Mrs. Romano is looking forward to being of assistance to CSW. Commissioner Mabry stated that she was interested in the fact that NC Women United lobby about women's issues and it is great to be able to stay connected with them. Commissioner Angus added that CSW was encouraged to send the information for upcoming events so they can share across the state through their newsletters.

STAFF REPORTS

Isabel Gil provided an apology on behalf of Dr. Love Crossling for not being present because she was requested to attend a meeting at the last minute. Isabel welcomed the new commissioners and informed that an orientation will be scheduled with Allen Hunt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no quorum to approve the January 2014 and February 2014 meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Chairperson

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Approved: _____

Date