

City of Greensboro

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

MINUTES

November 25, 2014

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Orientation Room, 2nd floor of the Cultural Arts Center.

Present: Interim Chair Vickie Henry; Commissioners Linda Mabry, Chalene Peterson, Deborah Goddard, Viola Fuller, Felicia Angus

Excused Absences: Andrea Coombs

Absences: Wanda Smith

Human Relations Department Staff: Allen Hunt, Supervisor; Isabel Gil, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: Lee Staton

CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair Henry called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

Welcome & RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Interim Chair Henry recognized and welcomed visitors.

Report from the Chair::delivered by Interim Chair Vickie Henry

- Interim Chair Henry Mrs. Sharon Wells from the Non Profit Angel Wings will be presenting in the January meeting. She is interesting in partnering with CSW Domestic Violence Committee.
- Commissioner Mabry requested greater clarification what a the definition of partnership as it relates to the Commission.
- Allen Hunt stated that the City of Greensboro has yet to define the term partnership and advised that partnership is commonly defined as a collaboration and exchange of goods or services; for example, holding community forums with a non-profit organizations.
- Commissioner Fuller advised that her understanding is that the Commission defines the definition of a partnership for its operational purposes and that the function of the Human Relations Department is to facilitate and support the Commission. Commissioner Fuller expressed that upon her appointment to the Commission, she understood that the Commission would establish and define those partnerships.

- Allen Hunt advised that Commissioner Fuller was accurate, and emphasized that the City is defining the term “partnership” more universally across the Organization and its commission, boards and committees.
- Commissioner Mabry advised that the Commission ought to communicate, discuss and make decisions about the partnerships.
- Chair Henry advised that all the topic of partnerships will be revisited at a future time.

Committee Reports

- During the Committee Reports portion of the agenda, Commissioner Peterson inquired about if the commissioners will be voting to elect Commission Officers and if ballots have been prepared for the vote.
- Isabel Gil advised that only the office of Commission Chair & Vice-Chair require a vote.
- Interim Chair Henry provided an overview of the committees and chair as follows:

Education-Commissioner Peterson
 Health-Viola Fuller
 Equality-Felicia Angus
 Domestic Violence-Linda Mabry
 Services to the Aging-Vicky Henry
 Woman Leading through Service-Deborah Goddard

- Interim Chair Henry requested Allen Hunt to provide information about the monthly committee reports.
- Allen Hunt advised on the reporting system, its purpose and utility. See form attached.
- Isabel Gil advised that reminder emails will be distributed and that reports are due the Friday before every monthly meeting.
- Chair Henry advised that the Commission will host three activities in 2015, “50 Plus Forum in June, “Women’s Equality Breakfast” in August and a Walk on Poverty”.

Staff Report: delivered by Allen Hunt, Supervisor

- On behalf of Love Crossling, Allen Hunt advised the Commission about the City’s MWBE program and that an education and outreach opportunity with the MWBE Office is available.
- Commissioner Angus suggested having a presentation about MWBE in February. Allen Hunt stated that it is a good idea to have topic meeting because it brings traffic to the monthly meetings.
- Isabel Gil informed the Commission that she had a meeting with Allen Hunt and David Theall regarding the CSW facebook page and Mr. Theall will design a new logo for the commission to use on the page.

- Allen Hunt advised that the Human Relations Commission established an International Advisory Committee (IAC) Working Committee to develop the leadership structure and function of the IAC I. Commissioner Angus stated she is interested in participating in that committee.
- Commissioner Angus inquired about featuring the various committees at monthly meeting on Agendas, and invite speakers on those subject areas, so it would open doors for people to come and maybe have resources available.

Items for Discussion & Vote

Approval of Minutes

- **October 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes;** motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Goddard. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Election

- Commissioner Linda Mabry elected Vice Chair.

Chair Election

- The initial vote resulted in a tie between interim Interim Chair Henry and Commissioner Angus. After a second vote Commissioner Angus as Chair.

ADJOURN

Chair Angus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Chairperson

Approved: _____
Date

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