



MINUTES
09-22-2015

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in 1601 East Market Street, Greensboro, NC, Deese Auditorium, Merrick Hall 125 at A & T State University.

Present: Commissioners: Vickie Henry, Deborah Goddard, Nancy Jimerson, Madison Lowe, Christina Yongue,

Excused Absences: Interim Chair Linda Mabry Commissioner; Commissioners: Viola Fuller, Lindsay Burkart, and Sade Nicholson

Human Relations Department Staff: Love Crossling-HRD Director, Allen Hunt-Supervisor, Jodie Stanley, Education and Outreach Coordinator

Visitors: Samuel Hawkins, Jr., Lakesha Holiday, Mari Wright, Bettina Ross, Clarette Sutton

Call to Order

By motion of the Commission, (1st D.G. /2nd M.L.); Allen Hunt was requested to facilitate the meeting and to call the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silent meditation and reflection was observed by attendees.

Recognition of Visitors

Visitors we recognized; asked to identify them and welcomed by the Commission.

Chair's Report

No Chair report was provided. Allen Hunt read the Domestic Violence Committee report into the record. Comments detailing progress of the Lighting of the Purple Tree event, scheduled for October 1, were made.

Election of New Chair

A motion to delay voting to October was made by Commissioner Jimerson, seconded by Commissioner Goddard and unanimously passed by the Commissioners present.

Education Committee

No report.

Health Committee

No report.

Equality Committee

No report.

Domestic Violence

See Chair's Report.

Services to the Aging

Commissioner Henry commented on a recent domestic violence event that CSW endorsed in partnership with Color of Reason. Topics highlighted were teen dating education and dating violence. Over 50 people attended the event. Commissioner Henry also advised that on October 23rd an Elder Abuse Clinic will take place in the Smith Senior Center. Comments concerning dating violence were made by visitors and commissioners on the subject of dating violence.

Women Leading Through Service

Commissioner Goddard commented on opportunities to serve on the committee. Commissioner Goddard detailed an upcoming project; the "Hire a Woman" project. Commissioner Goddard further commented on the M/WBE program and thanked participants and contributors that help make the event a success.

Staff Report:

Love Crossling updated the Commission on the role of CSW in the community and the Human Relations Department's support role to the Commission. Dr. Crossling further detailed that CSW was responsible for developing ideas for programming and the Department is responsible for event management logistics and that the Department will defer to the Commission regarding the direction of projects and programming. Dr. Crossling advised that the Department is responsible for budgeting and funds management to assure the continuity of programming. Dr. Crossling advised that program planning guides and work plans are documentation as a matter of public transparency and trust and not as a mechanism of control. A profit of \$976-1000 (+) was made on the Women's Equality Day Breakfast. This is the first year the Breakfast has made a profit.

Dr. Crossling commented on the role of the Council Liaison to the Commission. Commissioner Lowe commented on the presence of a Council Liaison being a positive thing. Commissioner Jimerson and Lowe commented on attendance at Council Meetings and expressed agreement with Dr. Crossling regarding the importance of relationship building with Council. Dr. Crossling commented on the impact of this being a Council election year and its effect on topics of interest and trends concerning Council members.

Dr. Crossling advised the Commission that CSW will have a role to play regarding the "Say Yes to Education" initiative. The City Manager's Office will work with the Department to coordinate CSW's presence at the table when Say Yes initiative meetings role out in the upcoming year.

Commissioner Henry asked that staff reports be sent out earlier to the Commission. Dr. Crossling provided a variety of distribution options. Commissioner Lowe suggested that staff reports be provided at CSW executive meetings. Commissioner Jimerson advised that executive meetings were normally reserved for housekeeping items. Dr. Crossling stated that the reorganization of the Department impacted evening availability of staff to attend meeting beyond the general monthly meeting. Commissioner Jimerson echoed Dr. Crossling's comments on the impact of reorganizations on City departments and she encouraged more conversation about the subject at the October CSW meeting.

Dr. Crossling encouraged visitors to look at CSW's webpage for activities and volunteer opportunities.

Jodie Stanley commented on gift ideas to Women's Equality Day Breakfast panelists. A discussion followed detailing gift ideas and costs for the different gift options. Dr. Crossling encouraged commissioners to suggest two gift options and staff will do a purchase analysis to work out the best option. Comments from Commissioners followed detailing the differences between gift concepts from branded CSW coffee mugs to articles of clothing. Commissioner Goddard made a motion to approve giving a gift to breakfast panelists and Commissioner Lowe seconded the motion. Commissioner approved the motion unanimously.

Announcement of Upcoming CSW and Women's Events

Lakesha Holiday shared about Ladies in Fellowship Together in partnership with Clara's House, and their upcoming event to provide food and goods to community members in need. Ms. Holiday commented on the "My First Vision Board" concept, which addresses family structure success, relationship support and development. Event dates: Oct. 17, at the Moorehead Recreation Center & October 31, at the Peeler Recreation Center. Ms. Holiday shared that in-kind support for the events in the form of household items are welcome.

Commissioner Yongue shared that St. James and Cone Health are hosting a Health & Food Education Fair on October 4th. And, Mas92 is hosting the 10th anniversary Million Man March on October 10th.

A breast cancer awareness event was being held on Oct. 3rd and is sponsored by the Tracky Foundation from 10-2 p.m.

A music education and cultural event was highlighted by an attendee. (September 25 African-American Vietnam Veterans event & October 3rd, Creative Arts Event).

Excused Absences

Commissioners: Mabry, Fuller, Burkart and Nicholson

Adjournment

Commissioner Goddard motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Lowe and unanimously approved at approximately 7:30 pm.

Chairperson

Approved: _____
Date

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