



## Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 pm on the above date in Room 101H at the Greensboro Cultural Center, with Chair Deborah Goddard presiding.

Present: Chair Deborah Goddard, Vice Chair Joyce Jasper-Morant, Commissioners Lucas-Patrick, Sevier, Dorley, Foster, Bullock, Cutler

Absent: Commissioner White

Council Liaison:

HRC Liaison:

Human Relations Department Staff: Love Crossling, Taylor Strassburg

Visitors: Karen Rhodes

### I. Call to Order

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### II. Moment of Silent Meditation

Chair Goddard called for a moment of silent meditation.

### III. Introduction of Visitors and Speakers

Taylor Strassburg introduced herself as the current intern for the spring semester at the City of Greensboro's Human Relations Department.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### Chair Report

Chair Goddard gave a welcoming address and a reflection of last year's successes. She noted that there is still one vacancy in the commission and that the commission should give preference to someone living in District 3 or 5. She stated the importance, however, to not be hasty in appointing someone to the position.

Chair Goddard congratulated the commission for although having reduced numbers in members of the commission, they had not reduced committees. She stated that the committees have done well merging and working together toward similar goals.

Chair Goddard thanked everyone for their attendance and representation at the MLK Day Breakfast earlier this month.

Chair Goddard noted that the Go Get Her event was scheduled for the same day as the executive meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>, so for the sake of attending the event the executive meeting would be cancelled.

Chair Goddard also noted that all potential partnerships must be properly vetted prior to cohosting events. A local agency had requested that the CSW partner with them for a public movie showing of 30 Day Promise. The movie was about a woman going through a divorce and had recently been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Chair Goddard asked everyone to watch the movie trailer and give opinions on whether the commission should partner or not.

#### Domestic Violence Committee

Chair White was not in attendance.

No updates.

#### Education Committee

Commissioner Lucas-Patrick shared that Joy Law had agreed to participate in the panel lunch on April 21. She was planning to put something out about the event in February. She noted that Laura Tew would put the word out about the event with AAUW. Lucas-Patrick also stated that Tiffany with Degrees Matter would also lend a helping hand to share her input on furthering education. Lucas-Patrick also noted the importance of expanding the Education Committee's network of people working towards the same cause.

Commissioner Cutler added that there would be a TedEx event on March 22. Chair Goddard noted that when attending events from other groups/organizations, commissioners should take care to state that there were representing CSW.

Goddard added that for this year's Women's Equality Day Breakfast a potential speaker could be Dr. Hernandez, a Latina woman who was a local leader, and hearing impaired.

Chair Goddard noted the importance of working together on the Equality Day Breakfast on August 25.

#### Women & Equality Committee

Chair Goddard noted that this chair position was still vacant.

#### Health Committee

Commissioner Sevier was absent.

No updates.

#### Committee for the Aging

Commissioner Jasper-Morant shared there would be a speaker attending from hospice, as well as James Brown, and April Herring for the panel on April 26. This event would be cohosted by both Health and Services to the Aging committees.

## Leadership Committee

Chair Goddard shared the Go Get Her women's empowerment workshop, currently 55 people were registered. Goddard asked commissioners to assist with set up/clean up. She noted that this was a much needed and requested event in our community.

Goddard also brought up an event hosted by the Greensboro library on March 20. Beth Sheffield had asked the CEO of Coca Cola to speak- this would be a joint event for both CSW and the YWCA addressing business and leadership.

## Staff Report

Department Director Love Crossling shared about Thrive GSO's event, a reentry program focused on education, trade and training. The event assisted members of the community with securing employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. The event would be held at the Sportsplex from 10-3 pm. The event was originally planned as a smaller luncheon, but council members found community partners that expanded the capacity to a fair. Dr. Crossling noted that CSW had done great work in the past with female reentry programs in the community.

Dr. Crossling gave an additional reminder for the Go Get Her event.

Dr. Crossling shared information in regards to the HRC Fair Housing lunch in April that would be focused on how HUD's rules and regulations support victims of domestic violence. Dr. Crossling stated that CSW's expertise could greatly benefit the discussion. Dr. Crossling asked commissioners who might be best to sit at the planning and developing table preparing for this lunch. She asked that they follow up in two weeks' time. Chair Goddard asked the dates for the meetings. Dr. Crossling stated that there is none currently scheduled and that they may have a better idea at the beginning of February. Commissioner Jasper-Morant asked the specific date in April, if it is the same date as the Health and Service Event. Dr. Crossling said if it is the same date, attendance isn't necessary, they will need assistance with planning beforehand.

Chair Goddard asked if Jodie Stanley will have a joint calendar for 2018 like she had last year. One that consisted of program meetings, HRC and CSW meetings that allows the commission to know if there is any extra room in the schedule for events or if they are in fact too busy.

Chair Goddard asked all to review minutes.

### V. Approval of Minutes

#### Motion to Approve the November Minutes

Motion 1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Cutler

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Lucas-Patrick

Unanimous Approval

Chair Goddard asked if there were any other announcements on upcoming events.

Commissioner Cutler shared about a program on January 31 related to a Growth UNCG Gerontology Workforce and Teaching Opportunity.

Commissioner Lucas-Patrick shared about the Women's Negotiation Resource Workshop, specific to salary negotiations.

Commissioner Lucas-Patrick shared that the Greensboro History Museum was hosting several programs during Women's History Month.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion 1<sup>st</sup>: Commissioner Cutler

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Jasper-Morant

Unanimous Approval

Chair Goddard adjourned the meeting at 6:32.