



Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 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 Jasper-Morant, Commissioners Cutler, Dorley, Walston, Bullock

Absent: Commissioners Lucas-Patrick, Sevier, White

Council Liaison:

HRC Liaison:

Human Relations Department Staff: Love Crossling, Taylor Strassburg (I)

Visitors: Janet Nagel,

Call to Order

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

I. Moment of Silent Meditation

Chair Goddard called for a moment of silent meditation.

II. Introduction of Visitors and Speakers

Chair Goddard asked that all visitors introduce themselves and explain their objectives for tonight's meetings.

Janet Nagel explained that she was here to discuss fluoride in Greensboro's water; she had sent an email to everyone in attendance. She asked the committee how they feel about the non-consensual dental treatment in water. Chair Goddard said she hadn't had time yet to review the material or grasp a further opinion on the matter. Dr. Crossling mentioned that typically on matters of business with recommendations of council there is a need for members to review the information, that the process took

time to develop a scope of the issue to the best of their ability. Nagel said it seemed unclear when this would be put on the agenda, or when it would be addressed by the Commission. Dr. Crossling responded that once the information was reviewed, it would be determined by the chair. This decision would not be decided until the issue was reviewed more clearly and other perspectives have been seen. Chair Goddard shared that she needed further data, more independent research. Nagel emphasized the importance again, stating that she was familiar with the science, but you did not need to be a scientist to understand the ethics behind this issue. Nagel shared further information regarding the history of the fluoride treatment and additional related information. Commissioner Cutler asked which communities have reversed the fluorination of water in the United States. Nagel responded that it had never been done before, however Mebane has stopped. Cutler asked if this was a national concern. Nagel shared not a lot, however Portland, Oregon and Wichita, Kansas have opposed it, but neither of those states had the imposed fluoride in water to begin with. Nagel shared that she could bring further information. Dr. Crossling asked who she had been in contact with about this issue. Nagel responded the two directors of the Water Resources department, adding that they did not recognize their role in the matter. Dr. Crossling asked that staff arrange attendance from Water Resources Department staff at a future meeting to provide further information on their viewpoint, thus giving the commissioners another aspect of information. Nagel shared that the group National Fluoride Network, who were suing the EPA for the addition of fluoride in drinking water, would go to trial next August. Nagel shared her desire to see this decision made locally, hence her attendance at the meeting tonight. Dr. Crossling shared she was going to be in correspondence with the Water Resources Department.

### III. Committee Reports

#### Chair Report

Chair Goddard shared she only had a few comments. There were issues with marketing, and she was curious who is receiving the commissions marketing materials. She said she was aware that the Nonprofit Consortium was receiving information, but was not sure who else. Crossling mentioned that events were also shared via City press releases, as well as targeting marketing specific and special interest groups.

Goddard shared that she wants more in attendance, more new attendance. She also mentioned changing the subject line to be “CSW” or “Commission on the Status of Women” to grab people’s attention. She wants numbers to increase. Goddard also asks that commissioners attend events as well.

Goddard welcomed the committee reports.

#### Domestic Violence Committee

Chair Bullock had no new news for the event on May 21, the Human Trafficking Information Session at the YWCA from 5-7pm. The program proposal had been sent to Jodie. Bullock was also curious as to marketing the event, and wasn’t sure how to get the information out to the public. Crossling mentioned the Fair Housing Luncheon centered on Domestic Violence would be held tomorrow at 11:30 am at Revolution Mill. Reminder, the dress attire for the event is denim in honor of Denim Day and historical court proceedings that a woman “could not have been raped because she was wearing blue jeans.”

#### Education Committee

Commissioner Lucas-Patrick was absent.

Chair Goddard shared information about the event that took place over the weekend, with Degrees Matter, AAUW, GTTC, etc. It was a great informational event and had a wonderful panel event. It was

an intimate event with about 20 people. It was not just an educational event but also a healing event discussing trials that have been overcome through education. Commissioner Lucas does have plans to do a follow up event. Chair Goddard thanked Taylor from staff for setting up Saturday morning before the event.

#### Women & Equality Committee

Chair Goddard shared that she was looking for female entertainment, a band, or a cellist, or other to play at the Women's Equality Day Breakfast in August.

#### Health Committee

Commissioner Jasper Morant shared they were getting ready for the event on Thursday, as well as the event on June 14. The event on Thursday was at the Lusk Center from 9am-12pm. The event was to bring awareness to resources available to our elderly community. The event was called, "Staying Safe."

#### Committee for the Aging

No report.

#### Leadership Committee

Chair Goddard asked to change the date from May 16 to a new date, she did not know the date yet however.

#### Staff Report

Dr. Crossling shared that Human Relations was in the middle of a transition between fiscal years. Staff would like June 1 to be the cut off for spending. Crossling shared that there was a healthy calendar that was looking great with events spread out at a good pace. Crossling thanked everyone for their diligence in planning and asking for help with ample amounts of time for staff to assist. Crossling asked each commissioner to begin thinking about their goals and agenda for the next fiscal year and to come prepared with preliminary drafts ready.

#### Approval of Minutes

Goddard asked to approve minutes before discussing any further business. Cutler motioned to approve the February and March minutes. Bullock asked to correct on Page two the event will be held May 21, not May 23. Also, it should be parent-teen event, not parent- team event. Dorley on both February and March mentioned that the motion to approve minutes should be February minutes, not November.

#### Motion to Approve the February and March Minutes

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

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Dorley

Unanimous Approval

Cutler suggested Jessica Mashburn as a potential musician for the Women's Equality Breakfast. Crossling shared that it was important to share YouTube clips in a single email chain so everyone could help vet. Dorley shared Marta Richardson would also be a potential musician. Cutler also shared Genie Robertson, a comedian out of Burlington, would be another option.

Crossling mentioned media readiness that Carla Banks will be meeting with the commission in May about impromptu media coverage.

Nagel shared that she had a handout from Andrea Young that substantiated her information about the fluoride.

IV. Adjournment



Motion to Adjourn the Meeti

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

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Cutler

Unanimous Approval

Chair Goddard adjourned the meeting at 6:46.