

City of Greensboro

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

MINUTES

August 19, 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: Commissioners Vickie Henry, Linda Mabry, Chalene Peterson, Deborah Goddard.

Excused Absences: Lindy Perry-Garnette

Absences: Felicia Angus, Viola Fuller, Andrea Coombs, Wanda Smith.

Human Relations Department Staff: Dr. Love Crossling, Executive Director; Donna Gray, Senior Manager; Allen Hunt, Supervisor and Isabel Gil, Administrative Assistant.

Visitors: Tonya Doane, HRC Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Henry.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Interim Chair Henry recognized and welcomed visitors.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Connie Russell, Wells Fargo

Mrs. Russell thanked for the opportunity to present to CSW. Mrs. Russell has been a financial advisor for Wells Fargo for 28 years; she focuses on socially responsible and sustainable investing. Within this large umbrella comes the topic with investing for woman. One way is to invest and empower women around the world and the other is perhaps entertaining the idea of starting to have women's financially well-being workshops. She would like the CSW to consider a collaboration to provide educational financial workshops, either for business or personal purposes. Women are reaching retirement with 30-40% less than men and 90% of women are responsible financial at some time in their life but most of women are really busy taken care of everybody but themselves. The workshops would be with a minimum cost to cover materials and she wouldn't charge a fee for the presentation.

Commissioner Mabry asked if she teaches only on investing. Mrs. Russell tells that she would like to do one called Financial Well Being for Women 101 including savings budgeting, shopping, economics of the women. The next would be investing.

Commissioner Peterson asked if Mrs. Russell has considered teaching these workshops in libraries or at the Women's Resource Center. Mrs. Russell answered this is her first time trying to work with other groups.

Commissioner Mabry thanked Mrs. Russell for her presentation. Chair Henry also thanked Mrs. Russell and told her she would contact her.

Report from the Chair – Commissioner Vickie Henry

- Women's Equality Breakfast – Saturday, August 23, 2014

The set up for Women's Equality Day Breakfast will be around 7:00 pm on Friday. The programs and evaluations will be ready. The center pieces will be donated by the Top Ladies of Distinction. Commissioners Peterson and Mabry will be doing registration. The program will start at 8:00 clock. All commissioners have to buy tickets, the cost is \$25.00. The keynote speaker will be Mayor Vaughan.

- Health Committee

Blood walk for the Sister Network at September, 13 at 9:00 am, location details will be shared later.

- Domestic Violence

DV walk with Marva Edwards at Bryan Park on September 20 beginning at 9:00 am

- Services to the Aging:

An elder abuse awareness event will be in October 23rd and 24th.

- Women and Leadership: Not sure about the status of the chair

Partnerships: There was a question raised in the Executive Meeting about what constitutes a Partnership. Chair Henry asked Allen Hunt to provide them more information; he stated that during the Envisioning Retreat there will be time to define what partnership means to the Commission but also what means to be a partnership for the City; it will be a time to explore the topic individually as well as corporately.

STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Crossling stated that the benefit of attending the Envisioning Retreat is the main component which is to help the mission go forward. There will be a discussion about mission to vision and how they relate to national and local trends. The second piece is to familiarize the roles of the staff and their talents to know how they help to accomplish the commission's goals. The third part is the envisioning part to look at the process and strategic behind it. There will be committee assessments but sometimes bodies change and you have to reevaluate the capacity of the commission to keep the committees structure and do we need to enhance to get most out of this experience. Also, the partnerships discussions that Allen mentioned will be a topic to discuss. There will be packed two days but it will be worthwhile hoping that will set the stage for how the commissions come back together on a monthly basis to get those ideas working. It will be ideal for any municipality to have cross collaboration within both commissions. She

encourages all commissioners to attend and plan strategically for this opportunity. The retreat will be held on Friday October 3 from 12-5 pm and Saturday, October 4 from 9-12 pm.

Other Business

Commissioner Mabry reminded everyone the need to get together to discuss an action plan to present to City Council. The conference room at her facility is available so just contact them. Allen added that this is regarding of how to approach the council in a meaningful collective way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes
There was no quorum to approve minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Henry adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Chairperson

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Approved: _____

Date