

City of Greensboro

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

MINUTES

January 26, 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 the Orientation Room, 2nd floor of the Cultural Arts Center.

Present: Chair Felicia Angus, Vice Chair Linda Mabry, Commissioners Vickie Henry, Deborah Goddard, Viola Fuller, Sade Nicholson, Lindsay Burkart

Excused Absences: Chalene Peterson, Andrea Coombs

Absences: Wanda Smith,

Human Relations Department Staff: Dr. Love Crossling, Executive Director, and Allen Hunt, Supervisor of the Human Relations Department (HRD)

Visitors: Human Relations Commission (HRC) Chair, Kevin Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Angus called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Chair Angus recognized and welcomed visitors.

REPORT FROM CHAIR – Commissioner Angus

- Report attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee – Commissioner Deborah Goddard

Allen Hunt, HRD Supervisor, reported that that he had a program planning meeting with Committee Chair Goddard to project Committee activities for 2015-16.

Balance and Health – Commissioner Viola Fuller

The committee is restructuring and has identified its position for 2015. The Committee will focus on Fit 2 a T Bone, the Joint Initiative, and partner with the Go Red for Women Initiative at A & T University. Comment was made regarding the Committee's work with Ms. Addy Jeffrey in support of the Breast Density Notification & Awareness House Bill (H.B. 467), which the CSW was instrumental in passing into state law. The Committee will partner with the Services to the Aging Committee at the 50 Plus Forum in June. A presentation of Fit 2 a T in Spanish with St. Mary's Catholic Church will be rescheduled.

Woman's and Equality – Commissioner Angus

The first committee meeting will be on February 4th at 7:00pm at Barnes & Noble's Friendly Shopping Center.

Woman and Domestic Violence – Commissioner Mabry

First meeting was held in January and the committee several programming opportunities. The goal of the Committee is to serve as a hub for service providers. Committee Chair Mabry advised that candlelight vigils for domestic violence (DV) victims will be held on a monthly or quarterly basis. The Committee will work on advocating for the construction for a DV victims' memorial in a public space. The Committee is partnering with the Women's Writers Group to hold two workshops in this year. The committee meets once a month from 1-2 pm at the Plaza Level Conference Room at the MMOB.

Services to the Aging – Commissioner Henry

Committee Chair Henry advised that she has contacted various individuals and agencies and is considering having the 50 Plus Forum at the Coliseum. She intends to invite Cone Hospital and other vendors to participate. She asked the HRD to consider dedicating resources in order to have this event in a larger scale.

Leadership through service – Commissioner Goddard

Working in establishing her committee, tentatively the next meeting will be on Feb. 16 at the Benjamin Park Library. See report attached.

Staff Report:

Love Crossling updated the following

- MWBE collaboration: The goal is for the Commissions to become facilitators of community education forums for interested parties interested in becoming an MWBE certified businesses.
- Mid-Year Retreat in March, one of the foci will be a Commission work plan. Allen Hunt stated that the Solid Waste Commission has adopted a work plan of opportunities or topics to address, but still leaving flexibility to shift their agenda. He would like to introduce the concept to the HRC and CSW at the upcoming Mid-Year Retreat.
- Dr. Crossling offered for the Commission's consideration, having a panel of speakers for the Women's Equality Breakfast, as a cost effective option and that can also boost attendance. It is also important to start planning as early as possible in order to develop sponsors.
- Dr. Crossling commented on the importance of celebrating CSW accomplishments, particularly; the Breast Density accomplishments. Dr. Crossling encouraged collaboration with other partner organizations for Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Allen Hunt: Staff Updates & Opportunities

- Advised the Commission that if there are any Commissioners have a particular communications style to contact staff with that preference and that accommodations will be made to the best of staff's ability.
- Invited the Commissioners to hold a meeting with him to discuss the committee needs and trends. Discussions are being kept on file in order to develop reporting to City Council and the City Manager's Office.
- Police Community Dialogue: encouraged the commission to attend these events, dates will be provided.

Items for Discussion & Vote

Approval of Minutes

November 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes; motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Mabry and seconded by Commissioner Goddard. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Logo and Facebook page

Allen Hunt stated that the new Logo has been adopted and the CSW Facebook page will be administered by Isabel Gil, administrative staff support and commissioners can request posts of information and updates.

Closing Remarks

Chair Angus encouraged commissioners to invite individuals who will be great additions to the CSW to submit their applications and CV to the City Clerk.

HRC Chair, Kevin Williams stated that the CSW is in good position because they focus on women issues and October is Breast Awareness and Domestic Violence month and Homeless issues is in November. He invited the CSW to partner with the HRC.

ADJOURN

Chair Angus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm

Chairperson

Approved: _____
Date

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