



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting- Commission for Women (CFW)**

**January 10, 2019 Monthly Meeting**

**I. Call to order**

**A. Roll Call:** Chair Everett called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. The meeting was held at the The Landsby Hotel, 1576 Mission Drive, Solvang, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (EXCUSED)**

**First District (no vacancies)**

Victoria Juarez  
Judi Weisbart (phone)

Charlotte Gullap-Moore (D1)  
Marianne Partridge (D3)

**Second District (no vacancies)**

Suzanne Peck  
Anna Everett (Chair)  
Sigrid Wright

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (UN-EXCUSED)**

**Third District (no vacancies)**

Tracy Beard  
Karen Steinwachs (Vice Chair)

**Fourth District (2 vacancies)**

Tami Rabska

**Fifth District (2 vacancies)**

Ivette Peralta

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was made.

**CHECK-INS**

- Commissioner Rabaska shared that at the last meeting the commission approved sponsorship funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the Touchstone Leading with Love Conference. Commissioner Rabaska will send out a copy of the agenda and invitation for the event to the commissioners and will get a copy of the sponsorship invoice emailed to Natasha Garduno for payment.
- Commissioner Beard shared that Anne McCarty, Executive Director of the North County Rape Crisis Center, is interested in joining the Commission for Women under appointment by Fifth District Supervisor Lavagnino.



- Commissioner Beard shared that the Association for California Women’s Commission will be having their annual meeting in San Jose on April 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. She also said that if any SB commissioners can attend the event itself is free.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **INTRODUCTION-NATASHA GARDUNO:**

Natasha Garduno introduced herself to the commission and shared that she has been with the Santa Barbara County Community Services Department going on three years. She is the Executive Assistant to the department director and also staffs the Park Commission and Library Advisory Committee. Prior to joining the County Mrs. Garduno worked at the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for seven years. Mrs. Garduno will be taking over administrative support for the commission following the retirement of Susan Foley.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of December 5, 2018 were considered as follows:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Rabska and seconded by Commissioner Peck to approve the minutes of December 5, 2018. All approved. Motion passed.

### **CHAIR’S WEBSITE MESSAGE**

Chair Everett handed out a draft of the Chair’s message for the commissioners to review. Commissioner Beard shared that she felt the message was energetic, strong, and powerful and that it relays that the commission is very active and doing good things, while being non-partisan and very involved politically in the community. Commissioner Rabska shared that she felt the message was a bit too long. It was discussed that some parts of the message can be broken up and displayed in different sections of the website.

Chair Everett shared that she will be sharing a video documentary that was done of active duty and veteran women at the Veterans Stand Down event. Chair Everett asked that this item be included on the next agenda. Chair Everett and Mrs. Garduno will schedule a meeting to review the website.

### **2018-19 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS:**

The following individuals and organizations have been nominated for the 2018-19 Community Service Awards:

District 1: Judi and Victoria will touch base regarding nominations for the First District

District 2: Santa Barbara County Behavior Wellness Crisis Counselors & Suzanne Grimmesey

District 3: Santa Ynez Therapeutic Riding Program & Thekla Sanford

District 4: Fellow commissioners will assist Commissioner Rabaska with nominations for the Fourth District.

District 5: Lideres Campesinas & Mayra Ramos (Harvest Community Center)



Commissioner Weisbart will look into the cost of the awards and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Beard requested that this item be put on the Board of Supervisors March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **2019 WOMEN'S MARCH- SANTA MARIA**

Commissioner Peralta shared that the program is being finalized and that she was able to help with obtaining a PSA for the event on a local radio station. The information for the event was posted on the Commission for Women website as well.

### **2019 VOICES OF WOMEN: NATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS INITIATIVE**

Commissioner Beard shared that the National Women's Commission Voices of Women survey will be going live in both English and Spanish and will be available for the next six months. The purpose of the survey is to collect data on what is happening with women, the problems that they are facing, and how they are being affected.

**ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Wright and seconded by Commissioner Steinwachs to approve the promotion of the survey on the Commission for Women website and social media pages. All approved. Motion passed.**

### **2020 COUNTYWIDE 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**

Commissioner Wright shared that a good use of time over the next couple of months would be for the commission to reach out and inquire with other organizations about what they may be planning for the Women's Suffrage 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Commissioner Weisbart also suggested that the commission create a master calendar on the Commission for Women website of various women's events being held throughout the county. The commission can provide this calendar service which can also lend itself to help organizations avoid having conflicting events within the county. Commissioner Wright volunteered to draft an email message with this information that can be sent out to various organizations. The commissioners assigned the following organizations to each commissioner to make inquiries with:

#### **Commissioner Wright**

- UCSB Arts & Lectures
- League of Women Voters (Santa Barbara)

#### **Commissioner Everett**

- Department of Feminist Studies-UCSB
- Women's Political Committee
- African American Women's Group- Wendy Sims-Moten

#### **Commissioner Peralta**

- League of Women Voter's (Santa Maria)
- Planned Parenthood



Commissioner Juarez

- Girl's Inc. (Carpinteria & Santa Barbara)

Commissioner Rabska

- Allan Hancock College

Commissioner Peck

- Santa Barbara County Office of Arts & Culture

Commissioner Beard

- AAUW
- NAWBO
- WEV

Commissioner Steinwachs

- Women's Fund (North & South County)

**OTHER ITEMS (QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS)**

It was requested that the commission roster be updated and dispersed to all commissioners.

Commissioner Beard requested that the California Legislative Women's Issues be put on the agenda for the February meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the City of Solvang Council Chambers (1644 Oak St.)