



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

**March 6, 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 City of Solvang, City Hall/Council Chambers, 1644 Oak St., Solvang, CA 93463 and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed, and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**First District (no vacancies)**

Victoria Juarez  
Judi Weisbart (via phone)  
Charlotte Gullap-Moore

**Second District (no vacancies)**

Anna Everett (Chair)  
Sigrid Wright

**Third District (no vacancies)**

Karen Steinwachs (Vice Chair)  
Tracy Beard

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (EXCUSED)**

Suzanne Peck (2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
Ivette Peralta (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
Tami Rabska (4<sup>th</sup> District)  
Marianne Partridge (3<sup>rd</sup> District)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was made.

**CHECK-INS**

Commissioner Everett attended a gathering by the UCSB Panhellenic group of sororities over the weekend. Gina Fischer, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative, was the keynote speaker for this event and the intent of the gathering was to introduce young women to the community outside of the university, as well as to prepare them for success, to deal with failure, and how to become more assertive women. Commissioner Everett also reported that at the event she was able to speak to representatives from the League of Women Voters, and reiterated that the Commission for Women plans to work on the countywide commemoration of the Centenary of Women’s Suffrage. The Commission expressed an interest in receiving a breakout report on this event from Gina Fischer.

Commissioner Steinwachs reported that she will be attending the Women’s Private Equity Summit in Dana Point on March 13<sup>th</sup>.



## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of February 6, 2019 were considered as follows:

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Steinwachs and seconded by Commissioner Juarez to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019. All approved. Motion passed.

## **BYLAWS-EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES**

The Commission held a brief discussion regarding the section of the bylaws that references excused/unexcused absences. Some questions that came up were the following:

- Is there currently a definition of what constitutes excused vs. unexcused absences?
- How much prior notice is required (weeks, days) for an absence to be excused?
- Are excused absences limited to work related events or health issues?
- How many absences (excused or not) requires Supervisorial notice and likely termination?

The Commission requested past meeting minutes be reviewed for information related to this topic. It was also agreed that Commissioners can submit proposals of language or samples of bylaws that reference excused/unexcused absences for consideration.

## **BUDGET PROJECTIONS**

The Commission held a brief discussion on the budget. Some areas highlighted for budget expenditures for this fiscal year are the following:

- Film screening sponsorship
- Prepayment of conference fees
- Co-sponsorship payments toward 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Suffrage Events

During the conversation the Commission also requested that Mrs. Garduno check in with the Director of Community Services, George Chapjian, to determine what an established per diem and reimbursable travel expenses should be for the Commissioners when attending conferences.

The Commissioners all agreed to come to the next meeting in April with any additional financial requests.

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

Commissioner Wright reported that the local Santa Barbara chapter of the League of Women Voters plan to hold an event for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women's Suffrage. Commissioner Everett shared with them that the Commission plans to serve as a hub for posting of all other events related to the centennial through the addition of a website calendar to hold event dates and information. Commissioner Wright also held a conversation with Lois Mitchel of Arts & Lectures. They have selected two big themes for next year which are around environment and Women's Suffrage. Commissioners



Everett and Peck met with Supervisor Greg Hart about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage and discussed city of Santa Barbara events including a film screening at the SB Courthouse courtyard.

**CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE WOMEN’S ISSUES**

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson will be speaking at the Lompoc-Vandenberg branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) on March 30<sup>th</sup> to talk about equal pay and aging women.

The AAUW has a committee planned and is working on events for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage.

**JUST THE BEGINNING: A CENTURY OF WOMEN’S POLITICAL POWER**

Commissioner Weisbart reported being in contact with Beth Pitton-August who needs sponsorships of \$1,000 for a full-length documentary entitled “Just The Beginning: A Century of Women’s Political Power.” The documentary explores the past, present, and future of women’s political power through the lens of the 100-year history of the League of Women Voters and allied groups. The Commission asked that Commissioner Weisbart reach out to Beth Pitton-August and have her attend the next meeting in April and provide a presentation to the group on the documentary. The group would also like to address questions related to what the sponsorship would entail.

**LIDERES CAMPESINAS VIDEO**

The Commission viewed the video recommended by Commissioner Peralta.

**VETERAN’S STAND DOWN DOCUMENTARY**

The commission viewed the video and some Commissioners inquired about what plans there are for the video. Commissioner Beard shared that the video should be submitted for the National Conference as well as being posted on the CFW website, and County TV channel. Some Commissioners felt that the video may need some additional edits prior to being made available to the public and recommended that the final footage be provided to County Counsel for review.

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

The ACCW Spring Conference will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> in San Jose. Commissioners Beard, Gullap-Moore, Weisbart, and Everett all expressed interest in attending. The Commission unanimously recommended that (3) Commissioners be allowed to attend the conference and have all registration fees and travel reimbursements paid for out of the CFW budget. Any additional Commissioners attending would only have their registration reimbursed. Ms. Garduno will take this item to Community Services Director George Chapjian for approval.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 3, 2019, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the City of Solvang Council Chambers (1644 Oak St.)