



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

May 1, 2019 Monthly Meeting

I. Call to order

- A. Roll Call:** Chair Everett called the meeting to order at 5:07 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

Second District (no vacancies)

Suzanne Peck
Anna Everett (Chair)
Sigrid Wright

Third District (no vacancies)

Karen Steinwachs (Vice Chair)
Marianne Partridge
Liliana Cardenas

Fourth District (2 vacancies)

Tami Rabska

Fifth District (1 Vacancy)

Ivette Peralta
Tracy Beard

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was made.

CHECK-INS

1. Commissioner Rabska shared that she held a network gathering of women in the community at her home. An attendee at the gathering shared that due to her various travels around the world she has been instrumental with securing menstruation kits which is a huge need that she is seeing.
2. Commissioner Peck shared with the Commission that two film screenings were recently held for a two part video series called Pass the Mic. The videos were well received by those in attendance. Commissioner Peck will be working with school districts health classes to develop a curriculum to go along with the videos for the schools. Commissioner Peck also shared that she will also be working with the school districts to work on a



curriculum for diversity and ethnic studies which will now be required in our schools. Commissioner Peck also reported that she recently met with Lois Phillips, a speaking coach for women. Ms. Phillips offered to come and meet with the Commission on a selected topic to see how the Commission may use her services in any women in leadership programs. Commissioner Everett asked that Commissioner Peck provide a brochure or detailed list of services that the Commission can then review, discuss, and brainstorm at the June meeting.

3. Commissioner Peralta shared that House of Pride & Equality (HOPE) in Santa Maria are advocating for ethnic studies and gender identity courses to be taught in the Santa Maria Unified high school district. Commissioner Peralta helped to distribute fliers and collect signatures from parents to push the district to implement the curriculum. Commissioner Peralta also attended the Indigenous Knowledge Conference in Oxnard organized by MICOP (**write out this acronym—what does MICOP stand for?**). MICOP also has a program called Healing with Love for domestic violence victims who are mainly women. Commissioner Peralta will also be attending an upcoming Education Equity Forum organized by Future Leaders of America.
4. Commissioner Juarez shared the Future Leaders of America is looking to put forward a proposal within the school district in North County to make A-G (**What is A-G??**) Requirements mandatory for all high school students. Commissioner Juarez inquired about whether someone from Future Leaders of America should attend an upcoming meeting to speak to the Commission about their work in North County.
5. Chair Everett updated the Commission that she recently met with Diane Villanueva, Congressman Carbajal's district scheduler. The Congressman would like to find out more about the work that the Commission for Women has been working on and how he can be more present, help support, and be involved in some of the Commissions' initiatives.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES: The Minutes of April 3, 2019 were considered as follows:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Peck and seconded by Commissioner Rabska to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019. All approved. Motion passed.

BUDGET PROJECTIONS (ALL)

The Commission held a lengthy conversation in regards to how the remainder of the budget for FY 2018-19 should be allocated.

The Commission took the following action recommendations:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Steinwachs and seconded by Commissioner Peck to have Commissioner Weisbart notify Beth Pitton- August that the Commission does not currently recommend a donation of Commission funds for the documentary that she is working on for this fiscal year. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.



ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Beard and seconded by Commissioner Steinwachs to recommend a full reimbursement of the Pass the Mic t-shirts. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.

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ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Beard and seconded by Commissioner Rabska to recommend allocating \$1,500 towards the purchase of socks and shoes to be distributed to homeless Veteran women at the upcoming Veterans Stand Down event in Santa Maria in October 2019. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Beard and seconded by Commissioner Partridge to recommend allocating a reimbursement of \$1,000 to the City of Guadalupe for the reallocating of a women’s facility and break room for the City of Guadalupe’s Fire and Police department. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.

CA Legislative

The Commission reviewed the various legislative issues from the California Legislative Women’s Caucus and took the following action.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Partridge and seconded by Commissioner Steinwachs to draft letters of support for Bill SB135, Bill SB464, Bill AB 577 and Bill AB31. All approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Retreat Planning

The Commission held a conversation in regards to changing the month and location for Commission’s annual retreat meeting. After proposing various dates the Commission took the following action:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Beard and seconded by Commissioner Rabska to change the annual retreat meeting to be held on Monday, August 19th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 2 abstentions.

*Commissioner Beard will coordinate finding a room for the meeting to be held in Solvang.

Women’s Suffrage Update (All)

The Commission briefly updated new commissioner Cardenas on the work that the Commission has been conducting in preparation of the centennial of Women’s Suffrage in 2020.

OTHER ITEMS (QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS)

Commissioner Rabska shared that she spoke with a woman who mentioned that the County 211 Helpline is no longer in service. Various commissioners called the number from their phones and some were successful at being connected while others were not. Commissioner Beard volunteered to let the organization know about this issue.



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Commissioner Beard reported that she attended the Santa Barbara County Human Trafficking Task Force Committee and shared that Santa Barbara is a “holding” County in which young women who are being trafficked for sex are kept in local hotels/motels while in transit to larger cities. Commissioner Beard shared that there aren’t posters with information related to human trafficking and how to report incidents of it at any hotels/motels in the County. Commissioner Beard also shared that April 24th was Denim Day which is an event in which people are encouraged to wear jeans to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

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