



*Commission for Women*

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
August 5, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Roll Call**

Chair Beard called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M. The meeting was held at City Hall/Council Chambers, City of Solvang, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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**First District: (No Vacancies)**

Laura Burton Capps  
Gina Fischer  
Victoria Juarez

**Second District: (No Vacancies)**

Suzanne Peck (via teleconference)  
Gail Teton-Landis  
Sigrid Wright

**Third District: (One Vacancy)**

Tracy Beard (Chair)  
Fran Clow

**Fourth District: (Two Vacancies)**

Cindy Litzinger

**Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)**

Gayle Pratt (Vice Chair)

**B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Guests**

Chair Beard welcomed everyone present and introduced Sylvia Barnard, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Shelter, Santa Maria. Marianne Partridge, Editor-in-Chief, The Santa Barbara Independent, was in attendance.

**C. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## II. Regular Business

### A. Approve: June 6, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Clow made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### B. Speaker: Good Samaritan Shelter and Doctors Without Walls-Santa Barbara Medicine—Sylvia Barnard, Maria Long

Sylvia Barnard, Executive Director, Good Samaritan Shelter (Good Sam), indicated that she has been with Good Sam for 18 years. She indicated that homelessness is a real issue and among families it can be scary. Good Sam operates the largest homeless shelter in the tri-county area. Santa Maria is a 28 bed shelter providing healthcare, detox, housing, continuation services and Good Sam has successfully had 100% drug-free babies born at the shelter. Ms. Barnard provided testimonials from former clients, and she wanted CFW to know, "...there is hope and a way out..." Ms. Barnard indicated that there are budget issues with policies between north County and south County that she would like CFW to help address.

### C. Accept Chair Report—Beard

Chair Beard distributed a report of her activities in advance of the meeting as follows:

#### Community Outreach and Meetings

May 28, Meeting with Vice Chair Gayle Pratt on 2015-2016 CFW Work Plan and Strategic Plan

June 9, Antioch University on leadership engagement

June 10, Suzanne Doty, President, ACCW, speaker

June 16, NAWC- National Webinar, "Engaging Girls Developing leadership through community action"

June 23, Meeting with County EEO Manager

June 24, CEDAW with June Maria Justus of Ventura for CEDAW

June 27, ACCW Conference in San Diego

July 16, Women in Leadership Committee meeting

July 19-23, NACW Conference in Indiana

July 22, Catherine Brozowski, Orfalea Foundation, Women in Leadership proposal submitted

July 30, CEDAW with June Maria Justus

### D. Update: ACCW Meeting, San Diego—Beard

Chair Beard provided the following information to Commissioners about the great work that local Commissions are doing and state initiatives:

- a. A local Commission is committed to doing work within a Santa Clara women's jail;
- b. Sex Trafficking is taking over the state of California;
- c. The West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board distributes a monthly publication;
- d. There are various bills related to ACCW initiatives that are pending in the legislature;
- e. Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, and Homelessness, are current ACCW programs;
- f. January 21, 2016 – January 22, 2016, Policy Summit, Sacramento.

**E. Update: NACW Meeting, Indiana–Beard**

Chair Beard provided the following information to the Commissioners regarding national initiatives:

- a. Develop Friends of Commissions 501(c)(3) for sustainability because some chapters do not receive County or local funding;
- b. Provide webinars to help with, sustainability, identifying resources, developing an image for your Commission;
- c. Each month Commissions should provide a PowerPoint, network with other organizations, assist with leadership;
- d. NACW has lost 70 Commissions nationwide.

**F. Review, Discuss & Act: Veterans Stand Down–Litzinger**

The Veteran Stand Down takes place October 17, 2015, Santa Maria. Vice Chair Pratt provided a PowerPoint in advance outlining the event and the cost to CFW. The 200 color posters are being printed by VTC for \$173.57, and the remaining cost will be provided for the following services: resume writing, alterations/mending, direct relief essential bags, massages.

**Commissioner Capps made the motion to provide \$800.00 to support Veterans Stand Down. Commissioner Clow seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**G. Review, Discuss & Act: Bylaws–All**

**Commissioner Peck made the motion to amend Section IV.A as follows: The officers of the Commission shall be a Chair and a Vice-Chair, who should serve as the Chair-elect. If the Chair is from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District, the Vice-Chair should be from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District, and vice versa. The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be from the same district. Commissioner Capps seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**H. Review, Discuss & Act: Great American Write-In–Teton-Landis**

The 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment takes place August 26, 2015, Faulkner Gallery.

**Commissioner Teton-Landis made the motion for the Commission for Women to provide a \$30.00 sponsorship. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**I. Review, Discuss & Act: “The Hunting Ground” sponsorship–Teton-Landis**

Santa Barbara City College will be showing the film “The Hunting Ground” in the fall and CFW wants to support the film.

**Commissioner Wright made the motion for the Commission for Women to have its name associated with the showing of the film at Santa Barbara City College and any future showings of the film by other organizations. Commissioner Capps seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**J. Review, Discuss & Act: Biographies of Commissioners & Press Releases–All**

Chair Beard discussed having the Commissioners biographies on the County website and having press releases for the accomplishments of Commissioners, new board members, and promote speakers at CFW meetings. The Commissioners agreed to provide their biographies and Commissioner Capps will take the lead to draft press releases.

**K. Update: Budget–All**

The Commissioners were informed that CFW received a 2% increase, which was in-line with the overall County budget increase.

**L. Review, Discuss and Act : Committee Updates–All**

**1. Leadership Development:**

Commissioner Wright provided the following update: (a) The committee has provided a proposal to the Orfeala Foundation for a Leadership Forum for Women, at a cost of \$2,700. The event would be ½ day in south County, November 2015, which would include some of the following organizations, NAWBO, Antioch University, AAUW, Junior League; (b) The Gender Composition Report could be updated first with County software program and then biennial, unless there are significant changes to the data; and (c) CFW should issue press releases when women are appointed to a commission. Commissioner Capps will take the lead in drafting the press releases and Commissioners should check with their Supervisors first for approval and then advise Commissioner Capps.

Commissioner Clow informed the Commissioners that a woman was recently appointed to the Housing Authority and she will provide the information to Commissioner Capps.

**2. Veterans:**

Commissioner Litzinger indicated that volunteers are needed for the Veterans Stand Down event.

**3. Public Policy Advocacy:**

No updates to report.

**4. CEDAW Adoption:**

Recommendation is to find a city within the County to support the initiative, Solvang or Carpinteria.

**5. Executive:**

**M. Announcements–All**

Commissioner Teton-Landis announced that Kamala Harris, California Attorney General, will speak at the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara luncheon, September 19, 2015.

**N. Meetings with Supervisors–All**

**O. Other Business – All**

**P. Agenda Items for next meeting-All**

- Speakers, Elisa Prado, 211 Program, and Maria Long, Doctors Without Walls
- Girls, Inc., Commissioner Juarez indicated that Girls, Inc. returned from Washington and she would like for the girls to share their experience
- Veterans Stand Down

**III. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 2, 2015, City Hall, Solvang.