



Commission for Women

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
September 2, 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
Sigrid Wright

Gail Teton-Landis

Third District: (One Vacancy)

Tracy Beard (Chair)
Fran Clow

Marianne Partridge

Fourth District: (Two Vacancies)

Cindy Litzinger

Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)

Gayle Pratt (Vice Chair)

B. Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Beard welcomed everyone present and introduced Maria Long, Executive Director, Doctors Without Walls, Santa Barbara Street Medicine. Olivia Cruz was in attendance.

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Regular Business

A. Approve: August 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Peck made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Clow seconded the motion. Vice Chair Pratt abstained. The motion carried.

B. Speaker: Doctors Without Walls-Santa Barbara Medicine–Maria Long

Maria Long, Executive Director, Doctors Without Walls-Santa Barbara Street Medicine, informed CFW that there are 90 street medicine organizations nationally and 40 in the U.S. Ms. Long indicated that they work primarily with homeless women and provided an overview of homelessness, the working poor and how to get involved. She provided trends for the following demographics: children, battered women, veterans, severe mental illness, and addiction. Ms. Long states that the previous 2015 Vulnerability Index homeless count, which is a two night count, showed 1,445 encounters and 1,111 surveyed, as homeless. Ms. Long indicated that Doctors Without Walls has 30 doctors and they are humanitarians teaching the next generation for street medicine. The next fundraising event is *Glow in the Park*, September 19, Elings Park.

C. Accept Chair Report–Beard

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

ACTION ITEMS:

Community Action Commission (CAC)-Elisa Pardo has rolled out the *2-1-1 Get Connected Get Answers* website. CAC would like to be included at the top of the CFW's Resource Card stating:

For Free confidential, 24 hour/7 days a week Health and Human Services Dial 2-1-1 www.211sbco.org

Commissioner Peck will update the Resource Guides and Vice Chair Pratt has volunteered to update North County information.

AAUW Santa Barbara-Goleta chapter is hosting Author Carlynne McDonnell, "The Every Women's Guide to Equality" and founder, Change in Our Lifetime Inc. She has been a passionate and outspoken proponent of social justice and equality for over 25 years. AAUW would like CFW to extend a partnership at this event; Meeting details September 3 regarding costs.

Santa Barbara Life & Style Magazine, Caroline Harrah-meeting to share a story of CFW, will table the story for next January 2016 after the Leadership Forum. Chair Beard shared the stories of the new commissioner's as a feature for non-profit executives for articles in October and December. She would like to feature an article of all women commissioners after the forum, as to discuss with the full board September on new business.

Massachusetts Commission on Status of Women, Jill Ashton, Director-phone meeting on education to roll out a volunteers and interns program for all commissions.

EVENTS:

1. Spirit Of Small Business Awards Luncheon PCBT;
2. NAWBO meeting, August 13, future meeting with Kim Clark;
3. *12th Annual the Great American Write-In*, Wednesday, August 26, Commissioners Teton-Landis and Juarez volunteered their time at the CFW table.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

1. Deborah Applegate, Deputy City Clerk, City of Santa Barbara
2. Claire VanBlaricum, AAUW, event for women commissions
3. Sandra Featherson, Administrative Services Director, City of Solvang, luncheon with business leader on women's equality Day for 2016
4. Supervisor Salud Carbajal, CEDAW ordinance
5. Katherine Lee, Legal Aid Foundation, CEDAW
6. Emily Allen, move CEDAW forward in LA for the city and commission
7. Carol Keaton, support a leadership speaker
8. Helene Schneider, Mayor, Santa Barbara, CEDAW
9. League of Women Voters Santa Barbara

D. Review, Discuss & Act: CFW Banner–All

Commissioner Burton Capps made the motion to purchase another banner, up to \$90.00. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. Review, Discuss & Act: Board of Supervisor's Presentation, October 13–All

Commissioner Fischer will update the PowerPoint presentation and Commissioners agreed to move the date to November 10. The PowerPoint is due to EEO Manager by October 23.

F. Update: Budget–All

The budget was reviewed by the Commissioners.

G. Review, Discuss and Act : Committee Updates–All

1. Leadership Development:

Commissioner Wright informed the Commissioners that the Leadership Forum will take place November 4. The Orfalea Foundation approved CFW's request for Orfalea to organize and host a *Women in Leadership* training event in November for \$3,770. The committee is in the process of hiring a coordinator for the workshops, finalizing agenda, and speakers. Commissioners also discussed press releases for the event.

2. Veterans:

Vice Chair Pratt provided an update on the Veterans Stand Down and distributed sign-up sheets and waiver forms. Olivia Cruz will be in attendance to assist CFW.

3. Public Policy Advocacy:

The following letters were signed during the Great American Write-In: SB 406, Paid Family Leave, Senator Hannah Beth-Jackson and Fair Pay Act, Senator Hannah Beth-Jackson.

4. CEDAW Adoption:

Chair Beard informed Commissioners that Mayor Schneider indicated that the City of Santa Barbara doesn't have an ordinance but she will check.

Chair Beard informed Commissioners that Supervisor Carbajal wants CFW to write a proposition for the supervisors to review.

Chair Beard wants to invite Susan Rose to a meeting to discuss CEDAW strategy and assist with a speaker to discuss CEDAW. She informed Commissioners that Emily Allen assisted with the ordinance in Los Angeles.

5. Executive:

H. Announcements--All

- Chair Beard is attending Mount Saint Mary's University Women's Leadership Conference, September 19.
- Commissioner Peck was invited by Supervisor Wolf to attend *Henry's Beach bathroom dedication*.
- Commissioner Fischer is getting married October 10.

I. Meetings with Supervisors--All

J. Other Business – All

Commissioner Burton Capps informed the Commissioners that an article is going to be published in Santa Barbara Life & Style Magazine about the Gender Report.

K. Agenda Items for next meeting-All

Speaker-Rhonda Murphy, County of Santa Barbara Veterans Administration

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on October 7, 2015, City Hall, Solvang.