



Minutes of the Regular Meeting Commission for Women (CFW) October 4, 2017

Call to order - Chair Anna Everett called the meeting to order at 5:15 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

First District (no vacancies)

Charlotte Gullap-Moore
Judi Weisbart

Second District (no vacancies)

Suzanne Peck
Anna Everett (Chair)

Third District (no vacancies)

Tracy Beard
Karen Steinwachs
Marianne Partridge

Fourth District (2 vacancies)

Tami Rabska

Fifth District (2 vacancies)

Heidi Summers

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Victoria Juarez

Sigrid Wright*

** Excused Absences*

Public Comment – No public comment

October 4, 2017 CFW Minutes - Commissioner Peck made a motion to accept the meeting notes with “unanimous” removed from a vote on the budget. This was seconded by Commissioner Summers and passed.

CFW Website: Chair Everett shared the new CFW website’s final draft with the full Commission. There were a few tweaks remaining but for the most part the site is live. Commissioners suggested some reordering of items and removing of older items. Commissioners expressed thanks for the hard work put into the new website including County IT staff.



Conference Discussion: There was an action item about conference travel. Conference representations are first offered to the chair. If the chair cannot attend then other Commissioners will be asked their interest in attending (with policy committee members next in line). Two conferences will be supported annually (fiscal calendar); they will be National and State Women’s Commission events. The budget set aside for stipends for these conferences will be split between the two conferences. Commissioner Weisbart made the motion to accept these conference guidelines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Partridge and passed.

October 10, 2017 Santa Barbara Unified School Board Presentation and Action Item: Chair Everett reminded Commissioners that she and Commissioners Peck and Partridge were to attend the SB Unified School District’s School Board meeting to discuss applicable outcomes from the March 9, 2017 Women Speak Up event. They reviewed the PowerPoint and asked for a vote. Commissioner Weisbart made the motion to support the School Board presentation. This was seconded by Commissioner Summers and passed. Commissioner Beard abstained. Commissioner Peck shared the activities she is working on with some School Board members as well as the School District and health teachers to improve health curriculum. She offered to work with Commissioner Summers and others to work with schools in the North.

CFW Work Plan and Events: There was discussion about the FY2017-18 North and South County events. Some Committees have met (Women in Leadership-South met via teleconference; Outreach – South met on Website). It was agreed that for the November 2017 meeting the last 45 minutes would be set aside to have event discussions including sharing best practices from South County Commissioners to North County Commissioners about the March 9, 2017 Women Speak Up event and how to replicate it in North County.

Policy Committee: Commissioner Beard provided handouts from National Commissions for Women conferences and other gatherings regarding policy and other issues. It was discussed that Commissioners Gullap-Moore and Beard would both provide updates and information on state (and national) policy as it effects the County of Santa Barbara women and children.

Awards and Annual Update: On November 7, 2017 the CFW will present its annual update to the Board of Supervisors and the Board will award resolutions to 5 district honorees who contributed to issues affecting women and children during the prior year. Final details were discussed including that each Commissioner assigned to work on this will notify the honoree of the date, place and general time of the event.

Suggestions and requests: Commissioner Gullap-Moore suggested adding the names of Commissioners and how they vote on all action items. Commissioner Summers suggested adding timelines to the agendas to improve time management of meetings. Commissioner Beard suggested we re-discuss the CEDAW effort. Commissioner Gullap-Moore asked for County Counsel clarification on the Form 700 liabilities. Commissioner Beard suggested CFW support the Leadership Conference on Human Trafficking.

Items for November 2017 meeting: Final website; work plan; events discussions; Commissioner Beard reports on conferences; CEDAW; debriefings on School Board and Vets Stand Down’ final PPT to BOS

Adjourn – 7:00 p.m.