



Women's Commission

**County of
Santa Cruz**

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Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2018
Location: 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Personnel Large Conference Room, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Present: Margaret Barr, Laura Cross, Ari Parker, Carole McPherson, Sheila De Lany, Carrie Beaton
Excused: Luci Basor, Theresa Cariño
Staff: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer

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- 1.0 Roll Call/ Introductions
Meeting was convened at 6:35 pm
 - 2.0 Agenda Review – Additions, Deletions.
“Unfinished Business” to come before “New Business.”
Motion/Second: McPherson/De Lany. Passed unanimously.
 - 3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes
Cross announced approval.
 - 4.0 Correspondence: None
 - 5.0 Oral Communications-
 - 5.1 McPherson discussed a recent Santa Cruz Sentinel article regarding the rate of homelessness among local youth.
Authorize McPherson to draft a letter regarding the issue to the Board of Supervisors. Motion/Second: De Lany/Parker. Passed unanimously.
 - 5.2 Authorize Parker to draft a letter regarding the current administration’s border policy and the separation of families. Motion/Second: McPherson/De Lany. Passed unanimously.
 - 5.3 Barr shared that a member of the public expressed interest in attending a Commission meeting through Facebook.
 - 6.0 Staff Report
 - 6.1 Discussed legal developments in the areas of equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination and will invite feedback from the Commission on various training developments.
 - 6.2 Provided an update on the remodeling of the Lactation Room at 701 Ocean St.
 - 7.0 Reports from Officers and Standing Sub-committees
 - 7.1 Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report
 - 7.1.1 Healthcare Section: Data Sub-committee
Application materials secured for a CSUMB intern to assist with project development. De Lany and staff to act as field mentors.
 - 7.2 Justice and Gender Task Force: No report.
 - 8.0 Unfinished Business
 - 8.1 Town Hall Meeting- Women and Homelessness Report:
 - 8.1.1 A tentative date for the townhall is set for October 18th from 5:30-9:00pm. Staff to provide De Lany with a donations request letter.

Louden Nelson Community Center was proposed as a possible location.

- 8.2 Public Awareness Updates
 - 8.2.1 Beaton and Cross shared information on Facebook from the Watsonville Film Festival's Women for Women Film Series and UN Women.
- 8.3 August Retreat
 - 8.3.1 A retreat will be held on Sunday, August 26th from 1:00-4:00 pm at Cross' home. Staff to provide action plans from the last retreat and distribute goals from the Commission's biennial report to the Board from January.
- 9.0 New Business
 - 9.1 Meeting Spaces-Commissioners named a several possible meeting locations throughout the County, including the Fireside Room in the Scott's Valley Library, the Watsonville Library, the Community Foundation, Simpkins Family Swim Center, the Watsonville Women's Club, and Boulder Creek Recreation.
 - 9.1.1 Commissioners discussed the possibility of utilizing public meetings in North and South County to engage community members regarding unmet healthcare needs and healthcare utilization among women in the community.
 - 9.2 Draft Commission Intern Job Advertisement
 - 9.2.1 Staff to work with De Lany on drafting job requirements and expectations for student intern.
 - 9.3 Gender Equality in Recruitments
 - 9.3.1 Continue distribution of job announcements and recruitments to all commissioners.
- 10.0 Vacancies
 - 10.1 Fullum-Campbell has resigned from the commission and a third district seat is now vacant.
- 11.0 Announcements
 - 11.1 Parker announced that she is running for Watsonville City Council and provided details regarding her kick-off event.
 - 11.2 Cross announced details regarding the "Smart Choices" Girls, Inc. summer camp to be held at UCSC.
- 12.0 Adjournment at 7:58 pm.

The next Women's Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 PM at the **Corralitos Women's Club (33 Browns Valley Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076)**.

Submitted,
Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer