



Women's Commission

County of
Santa Cruz

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Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2018
Location: 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Personnel Large Conference Room, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Present: Sheila De Lany, Margaret Barr, Laura Cross, Theresa Cariño, Maria Barranco, Ari Parker, Carole MacPherson
Absent: Marissa Fullum-Campbell
Staff: Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer

- 1.0 Roll Call/ Introductions:
Meeting was convened at 6:30 pm.
- 2.0 Agenda Review:
Community Wall and Town Hall Meeting to be added under New Business.
- 3.0 Approval of January Minutes:
Motion/Second: De Lany/Barr. Passed unanimously.
- 4.0 Correspondence:
 - a.) "Thank you" card from Aimee Mangan, former Commissions Coordinator, distributed to Commissioners.
 - b.) Email correspondence received from Commissioner Melanie Martinez announcing her resignation. New Commissioner likely to be approved at February 27, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- 5.0 Oral Communications: None.
- 6.0 Staff Report:
 - a.) Staff drafted Trailblazer letters to nominators and award recipients and reported that the Trailblazers Awards Ceremony will be added to the Board of Supervisor's March 20th meeting.
- 7.0 Reports from Sub-committees:
 - 7.1 SOWAG (Status on Women and Girls) Report
 - 7.1.1 Healthcare Section: Data Sub-committee
 - a.) A potential intern was unable to assist with the sub-committee's proposed project to update the report with new data, due to her school's requirements regarding the internship timeline.
 - 7.2 Trailblazers Sub-committee Report
 - a.) Staff to reserve tables/hallway adjacent to Board Chambers for reception.

- b.) Sign-up sheet distributed to Commissioners for beverages, food, and supplies for reception.
- c.) Staff to mail out Trailblazer Letters and announcements on Tuesday, February 20th.
- d.) Commissioners to contact the award recipient within their district to gather relevant information for inclusion in the awards presentation and to secure a recent photograph and quote for use in the Trailblazers Art Wall display.

7.3 Executive Committee: No report.

8.0 Public Awareness Updates:

- 8.1 Cross reported updates to the Commission's Facebook page, including a photo of De Lany accepting an award. The page currently has 200 likes.

9.0 New Business:

- 9.1 Town Hall Meeting on SOWAG Women and Homelessness Report:
 - a.) The Commissioners discussed the need for an intern. First step will be to carefully review the Homeless Report.
 - b.) Parker to distribute a checklist for Town Hall planning and organization. October identified as the likely month of the event. Event will last two approximately two hours and will occur on a weeknight, preferably in lieu of the October Commission meeting.
 - c.) Cariño suggested inclusion of a panel of speakers similar in composition to that utilized by the Justice and Gender Task Force.

9.2 Community Wall:

- a.) The Commission discussed last year's design.
- b.) The focus of the Art Wall Installation will be the 2018 Trailblazers and will highlight and display relevant information about the award recipients, their work within the community, their personal quotes, and their photographs, organized by district. Photos of the Commissioners and the Commission's Mission Statement will also be included. Award recipients' information, quotes, and photographs to be emailed to Parker by Friday, March 23rd.
- c.) Art Wall installation to occur on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 3:30-5:00PM. Staff to reserve set-up materials and coordinate logistics, and Parker to design and supply art from the materials provided by the commissioners for posting.

10.0 Continuing Items

10.1 By-laws updates:

- a.) Cross to present a final draft at the next Commission meeting for approval.

10.2 Justice and Gender Task Force Report:

- a.) Cariño reported that a panel of three formerly incarcerated women spoke to the group about their experiences of the circular process in transitioning from incarceration, the resources they relied upon, and the adverse impact they experienced from a lack of available housing and other needed supports.
- b.) The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, February 16th.
- c.) Susan Greene is considering various agencies, such as United Way, where community reports and resources can be continuously updated.

d.) Cariño to update the shared Google Drive with the Task Force's Agendas.

10.3 Vacancies

a.) Tabled.

12.0 Announcements:

a.) Cross announced that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held at the March meeting.

b.) Girls, Inc. orientation and fundraiser invitation distributed.

c.) Barranco invited Commissioners to attend Monarch Services' annual fundraising event "#StandWithUs" to be held at the Chaminade Resort and Spa in Santa Cruz on March 1, 2018. Barranco also announced that March 8th is International Women's Day and discussed the Commission's participation and representation at related events.

d.) Cariño announced details regarding a local upcoming mini-Ted talk on "Next Space" scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th from 6:00-8:00pm.

13.0 Adjournment at 7:45 pm.

Next Women's Commission meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2018 at the Government Building (701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Personnel Large Conference Room, Santa Cruz, CA 95060).

Submitted,
Britt Harmssen, EEO Officer