



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: County Government Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Redwood Conference Room
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1st District), Jennifer Martin (1st District), Samantha Hart Farren (2nd District) Jennifer Smith (3rd District), Karina Moreno (4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Wells (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jennifer Murray (2nd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District)
ABSENT: Conra Frazier (3rd District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:07 PM.

Commission welcomed District One Commissioner, Jennifer Martin.

2. Approve February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Crowder/De Lany

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed position descriptions from both Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Staff confirmed that County Personnel has already revised administrative support staff positions to include non-gendered images only.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider 2023 Commission Priorities

Commission considered the following priorities: guest speakers in the health care field to speak on barriers to for young women in Santa Cruz County (mental health, trans women, reproductive health care, pediatric health care for girls), making recommendations on legislative priorities, job retraining and economic empowerment, Status of Women and Girls Report update, mental health and substance use disorders for women and youth (access, resources, amplifying the impact of existing programs), broadening Commission reach and impact particularly in underserved communities, programs that empower young women with the arts, skills and self-discipline, particularly after school programs (not affiliated with the school districts), attending Justice and Gender meetings to liaise,

5.2. Consider 2023 Ad Hoc Subcommittee Membership¹⁴⁴

Commission revised their ad hoc subcommittee structure to reflect the following appointments:

Ad Hoc Community Outreach Subcommittees

- Social Media – Murray, Wells
- Community Recognition – Smith, Wells, Hart Farren, Crowder
- Community Resource and Partner Database – Martin, Smith

Ad Hoc Advocacy Subcommittees

- Legislation/Policy: Wells, De Lany, Moreno, Hart Farren, Martin
- Racial Justice: Moreno
- Disaster Response: Wells, Hart Farren

Ad Hoc Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Subcommittees

- Political Participation/Civic Engagement: Wells, De Lany, Moreno, Martin
- Economic Justice and Empowerment: Martin
- HealthCare: Hart Farren, Crowder

5.3. Consider Reducing Meeting Frequency

Commission pended the decision to determine whether meeting in person will impact attendance. The Executive Committee will review/revise bylaws as needed. Meeting confirmations or cancelations will happen at least 24 hours before the meeting start time. Commission meetings will occasionally be held at alternate meeting sites.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report:

Wells encouraged Commissioners to attend upcoming WILDR event and added an “Announcements and Emerging Matters” standing agenda item to future agendas.

6.2. Social Media Subcommittee

Commissioners are encouraged to submit headshots for the membership page of the website and to send ideas for social media posts. Commissioners will plan for a group photo.

7. Staff Report

Staff reported that all the County has been very active in storm damage recovery and response. Resources and recovery information can be found at www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/OR3/MarchStormInformation.aspx. Commissioners are reminded that they will be asked to swear an oath at an upcoming meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*