



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 23, 2019
San Mateo County Office Building
455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 101
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Becky Abens, Dana Linda, Rebecca Oyama, Anisha Weber, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Maya Tussing, Anya Drabkin, Christine Padilla

Staff Present: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff

Absent: Marguerite Machen, Manufou Liaiga-Anoa'i

3. Public Comment

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Suggest to move agenda #10 to September or October meeting. Motion to approve Becky Abens, seconded Nirmala Bandrapalli. Unanimously approved.

5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve Anya Tussing; seconded Rebecca Oyama. Unanimously approved.

6. Living the Mission & Vision (Discussion)

Dana: plan to meet with Co-chair of Arts Commission to explore ways to partner.

Anya: Get Healthy SMC strategic meeting; met YLI staff who is interested in getting young women to attend WLC.

Christine: Women's Professional Summit @ Genentech; interested in supporting a north county networking happy hour & learning more about the WLC

Anisha: Census 2020 event at Facebook (SV Community Foundation)

7. Report from Commission President (Update)

- Present

8. Report from Commission Director (Update)

- Vacancy Update: 7 Commissioners invited; Orientation is August 27; other applicants will be invited to volunteer.
- Get Healthy San Mateo Strategic Meeting: Community Collaboration for Children's Success (South San Francisco and North Fair Oaks/Redwood City)

- “Art of the Ask” for Women’s Equality Day, August 26; free workshop facilitated by Maya Tussing
- Women’s Hall of Fame digital exhibit at the Redwood City Public Library

9. Domestic Violence Council (Update)

- Overview of July DVC meeting. Presentation by El Centre de Libertad’s Program for DV Offenders. Presentation by Coroner on Death Review Team

10. Procedural Rules Amendment

- Postponed to future meeting

11. CSW Workplan (Discussion & Action)

- Top 4 Issues from community conversations: Access to Housing; Public Transportation; Safety; Supporting Marginalized Communities. Not excluding, simply prioritizing.
- Process for Access to Housing:
 - Individual Reflection on Access to Housing: What do you know about this topic? What don’t you know about this topic? How does this topic impact you?
 - Sharing: *refer to flipchart notes addendum*
 - Discussion: Maybe an association needs created to encourage people to stop buying. This housing and transportation issue are not new. What can the CSW do to create progress on this topic? Specific to women and the most vulnerable population within the group of “women.”
 - Perhaps focus on pre-meeting homework to prioritize a topic as a group. Reflect and come ready to vote on a topic.
 - Conference can provide panel sessions on all four topics
 - Preparing for the new group of commissioners to join us.
 - Census 2020 is a topic threaded in all 4 issues. We want to help with this.
 - Create visibility and support (our overall goal)

12. Announcements

- New Snack Schedule:** Providing snacks is a helpful way to restore energy when we are most tired!
 - September: Becky Abens
 - October: Dana Linda
 - November: Nirmala Bandrapalli

13. Adjournment

ADDENDUM flip chart notes

Sharing out challenges and resources with ACCESS to HOUSING:

Challenges	Resources
Because of low income, people are trapped in their homes financially.	County: ADU ordinances
Impacts diversity & elderly	Public Transit Housing Development

Gov't roadblocks	Tiny Houses (for employees)
Look to nonprofits but they don't have any power	RV Lots
Need more organization	Home Sharing
Losing Teachers and working class	Public Safety Personnel Housing
Burlingame City Council needs to support more housing	State new incentive housing program
Atherton is wealthy but that creates disparity	Creation of "Renters Association" that advocate for renters across cities and the County
Housing and its connection to lack of child care	Needs to be more corporate responsibility for housing
Can't afford to maintain your house so let it go into disrepair	More access to transportation
People are leaving because they can't afford to stay	Can there be incentives other than money to sell at lower prices?
It's becoming transitory: people come & go due to jobs; schools are closing (RWC)	
Most vulnerable people are women, single mothers, Pescadero residents	
Section 8: extreme lack of resources and eviction is traumatic; Housing authority allows this trauma to happen	
Tourism and renting more lucrative than stable long-term rentals;	

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones, allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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