



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

San Mateo County Office Building

455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 101 (first floor)

6:30 PM

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by CSW President Linda Koelling at 6:30 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Becky Abens, Shweta Bhatnagar, Linda Koelling, Darya Larizadeh, Chelsea Lo, Annie Lu, Christine Padilla, Lisa Williams

Staff Present: Tanya Beat; Juda Tolmasof

#### 3. Public Comment

Several members of the public in attendance. Diana Batista, former Commissioner in the early 2000s. Lesly Peay from Daly City. She would like to partner with us for their Women's History Celebration which is focusing on retiring Pat Martell. It's March 1 and she will send us more information about it. Rebecca Wise, here to observe. Adam Wilson, Program Coordinator for the SMC Youth Commission is here to observe.

#### 4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Christine Padilla, seconded by Shweta Bhatnagar, to approve and adopt the October 2017 meeting agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### 5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Becky Abens, seconded by Lisa Williams to approve and adopt the September 2017 meeting minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

#### 6. Group Agreements

Linda Koelling reviewed the group agreements.

#### 7. Commission on Aging/Aging and Adult Services Presentation

Christina Dimas-Khan, Commission on Aging Chair and Michelle Makino, Program Services Manager for Aging & Adult Services

The Commission started via the Older Americans Act of 2016. By the year 2030, one out of four residents will be over the age of 65. Three top issues that the Commission is focusing on is Adult Abuse Prevention, Transportation, and Resource Access. A big

resource they create is the Help at Home Booklet. The new version will be available in January 2018.

How we know what to focus on is with a Community Survey. Survey was distributed to over 9000 residents and the response rate was around 3000. They use that data to create an Area Plan. They have agreed to share their survey results and demographics with the CSW.

#### **8. Report from Commission President**

- a. Youth Commission Mentor Needed – Becky Abens will start as a mentor for Chelsea and then Lisa can join in after a couple of months.
- b. Value of CSW Members – importance of participation. Absent members need to be contacted individually to learn what the problems are and revisit their commitment. We need to make quorum and move projects forward.
  - a. Everyone agrees that ad hoc working groups need to continue to meet during regular monthly CSW meetings.
  - b. Concern about absent members when they do not communicate with us and revisit expectations.
- c. 2018 Retreat is when we will review what was accomplished in 2017.

#### **9. Report from Commission Director**

- Domestic Violence Council report out: summary of the Housing presentation; Barbara Hammerman Awards;
- The DVC needs an appointed member from the CSW: Christine Padilla agrees to continue her role.
- CSW ad hoc working groups continue to meet. New chair of the Women's Leadership Conference is Lisa Williams.
- November Meeting Items:
  - November 28, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving
  - Elections
  - 2018 Meeting Dates
  - Retreat Dates in late January or early February – hopefully have dates for everyone at the next meeting.
- Thank You Card for Kathleen Beasley, main Librarian with Belmont Library

#### **10. Youth Commission Report**

- Annie is the Chair of the Human Rights Council and they are planning an Event featuring women (March 10) speakers, panelists from around the Bay area who can speak about their expertise and mentoring.
- We have asked Annie to send us written information when the program is established. She is asking for the CSW to be a partner for this event.
- Chelsea is Chair of the Economic Development Committee and they want to keep kids in school instead of ditching school. They also want to support pre-

school kids and partner with First 5 with their services.

#### **11. Responsibilities of CSW Members and Recognition**

- Presentation and appreciate the CSW members who helped with the Women's Hall of Fame Exhibit Reception and who simply participated.
- Commissioner Recognitions on website and Facebook will be starting in November.

#### **12. Officer Elections for 2018 – Nomination Process**

- According to procedural rules, elections for President and Vice-President take place in the November meeting.
- Members who are interested in being nominated, please contact Tanya.
- Linda is re-running for President and Anisha is re-running for Vice-President.
- Is there a limit for member running for President? Tanya will send out the Procedural Rules.
- Becky Abens has agreed to be re-appointed as a general member.
- Please send out a current list of Commission Members.
- Question about when vacancy recruitment will start. In January and Tanya will send a link and notice to everyone when that happens.

#### **13. Work Group Report outs**

- Cancelling this agenda item due to lack of time.

#### **14. Work Group Time**

- Cancelling this agenda item due to lack of time.

#### **15. Announcements**

- Women's Community Leadership Network networking, Nov 8; flyer available
- Holiday gathering in early December? Doodle poll for Dec 5 or 12, starting at 5pm
- Possible to shorten November meeting and go somewhere after that.
- To whom do we give professional women's clothes in San Mateo County: in East Palo Alto there is the Ecumenical Hunger Program.
- Women's Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline card available for members to take and post up.
- Christine: when people approach us about partnering, it's something we do frequently and we don't have to vote on it. We promote it and participate. We ask them to promote our event too (use of our logo, agreeing to partner).

#### **16. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.