

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**THURSDAY, May 4th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Landry Culp, Hannah Chudleigh, Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick (virtual), Nicole Bennett (virtual), Delaney Thompson (virtual), Elise Erwin (virtual)

NO QUORUM

BCSW Goals:

- Identify the needs of, resources for, and services available to women in order to improve opportunities for women in Bloomington.
- To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of services that benefit women.
- To educate ourselves on federal, state and local issues as they relate to women and identify participation efforts to assure women's equity. Strategy will include issuing publications, materials, and research findings and educational opportunities for our community.
- To maintain a close liaison with other women's commissions and advocacy groups.

Call to Order

5:35 PM

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – April minutes

No quorum, vote on approval in June

Liaison Report

- Commissioner resignation
 - Marissa reported that Nana Amoah-Ramey has submitted her resignation from the commission effective immediately
 - Commissioners will need to decide if they want to select a new co-chair
- Bloom magazine
 - An article about the 50th anniversary of the commission will be in the June/July issue
- Public Bathroom and Consent letters – update

New Business

- Commission re-structuring
 - Head of Communications: (1) build a quarterly communication plan that lends itself to transparency, building community, and uplifting women (2) identify opportunities to self-promote our commission in order to broaden our reach (3) work with the Head of Community Partnerships to celebrate women in our community
 - Compile articles for quarterly newsletters
 - Social media plan
 - Head of Legislature: (1) have a continual pulse on legislative issues impacting women happening at the local, state, and country level (2) create documents for the commission to vote on sending in support or not

in support of important issues impacting women (3) identify opportunities for the commission members to participate in as wanted

- Continue to monitor things happening at the city, state and national level
- Head of Community Partnerships: (1) develop relationships with community members and organizations that relate to and impact women (2) have a continual pulse on events relating to women and ways we can support women in our community (3) build the relationship between the BCSW and the MCCSW
 - Engage with other local groups to build partnerships
 - Debby suggested continuing to build and nurture the partnerships and relationships that we already have, especially within the City
 - Monroe County Domestic Violence Coalition, Commission on the Status of Children and Youth, etc.
 - Discussed potentially partnering with MCDVC for an campaign on Interpersonal Violence
 - Commissioners discussed the idea of assigning a commissioner to each of these 3 topics, who would then report out monthly to the group.
 - Pros: It could help split up leadership and hold the commission more accountable to its mission and goals, while promoting more involvement
 - Cons: Big concerns over continuity. Attendance is not that great currently, and we have experienced some commissioner turnover. Assigning these subjects to individuals may slow down progress if that person is absent, resigns, etc.
 - A better solution may be to add Communications, Legislature and Community Partnerships to the agenda as standing monthly items that will be discussed at each meeting, without assigning them to an individual person.
 - Beginning in June, Marissa will add these to the agenda
- August Event
 - Date/Time/Theme – 50th Anniversary Celebration?
 - Saturday, August 26th, Women’s Equality Day
 - “Women’s Market”
 - Vendors
 - Artists
 - Women’s Health
 - Domestic Violence Resources
 - “Making Women Visible”
 - Timeline of women’s achievements in Bloomington
 - Honor Charlotte Zietlow and others
 - Atrium at City Hall during Farmer’s Market or Switchyard
 - Marissa will find out more details on availability at both these spaces
 - Select planning committee
 - Hannah, Ashley

Old Business

- MCCSC Racial Equity Policy
 - Table until June
- Social Media Plan
 - This may align with “Commission re-structuring”

Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women’s Commission Liaison
 - Select new commission liaison to attend monthly MCWC meetings in the 3rd Thursday
 - Discuss in June
- High School Liaisons

Public Input

Adjournment