

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

**THURSDAY, July 7th, 2022, 5:30 P.M.  
via Zoom and Hooker Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

Present: Shefali Prebhakar, Shruti Rana (virtual), Nicole Bennet (virtual), Ashley Hazelrig (virtual), Marissa Parr-Scott

**NO QUORUM**

Call to Order

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – June - **table until August, could not approve**

**Old Business**

- Equity/Inclusion re: Zoom meetings
  - Submit summary of concerns?
    - **No update**
- Annual Report
  - Updates
    - **No update**
- Summer 2022 Event
  - Next planning meeting scheduled for 7/13
  - Decide on room setup - tables versus auditorium style
  - Decide on max number of tickets
    - **90 tickets max?**
    - **Overflow/standing room?**
    - **Also will have streaming option (Zoom or Facebook)**

**New Business**

- Compile questions for the Office of the Mayor re: City support of abortion rights
  - Send to Mary Catherine Carmichael
    - **Marissa shared info from the Mayor's office -**

*Hi Marissa: I spoke with Mayor Hamilton in today's Cabinet meeting about the City's response to pending action from the State legislature about reproductive rights. I explained that the Commission on the Status of Women were interested in how they might respond as well.*

*The Mayor said Mary Catherine is the point person for this issue, although she is on vacation this week. Prior to vacation, MC reached out to Planned Parenthood, All Options and the ACLE to discuss the most appropriate ways for the City to be involved. Much of the response will depend on the action the State legislature takes. Mayor Hamilton welcomes involvement and recommendations from the Commission.*

- **Marissa to start Google doc for everyone to compile ideas, questions, recommendations**
- **Commission will invite Mary Catherine to our meeting in August**
- Draft letter for Indiana legislators
  - Needs sent prior to July 25<sup>th</sup>

- Should include mission statement as well as a statement regarding what we are responsible for concerning women in Bloomington
- Urge state legislators to be as moderate as possible
- Mention possible impacts and share stories
- Shruti shared information on the special session
  - Public testimony will be allowed, and is open to anyone
  - Public testimony is recorded
  - Based on a NWI Times article, the proposed bill is very extreme and provides no exceptions  
[https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/conservative-attorneys-model-law-would-ban-nearly-all-abortions-in-state/article\\_9f851d3d-0103-597c-bc09-db68b7df847d.html](https://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/conservative-attorneys-model-law-would-ban-nearly-all-abortions-in-state/article_9f851d3d-0103-597c-bc09-db68b7df847d.html)

#### Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
  - Next Commission meeting is Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>, Ashley will attend
  - There are 5 county vacancies
- High School Liaison

#### Public Input

#### Adjournment