

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

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

**MINUTES**

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.

Present: Landry Culp, Nicole Bennett, Nana Amoah-Ramey (virtual), Elise Erwin, Delaney Thompson, Darrell Banks, Emma Cannon, Whitney Koelling, Rachel Van Voorhis

**NO QUORUM - Unofficial minutes**

Call to Order

- 5:35PM

Request for Additional Agenda Items

- None

For the Good of the Cause

- Nicole is having a girl!

Approval of Minutes – September

- No quorum, move to November agenda

New Business

- Capstone Presentation
  - Q and A
  - The capstone group did a great job presenting their progress report
    - Survey collection will end October 27th
      - Group discussed ways the commission can help further disseminate the survey until 10/27
      - Marissa will share with other City commission liaisons and request the survey link be posted again to other City FB pages
      - Darrell (capstone facilitator) will send Marissa the pdf and png images for the survey flyer to post throughout City Hall public spaces
- Young Women's Summit
  - Safe and Civil City Programs is requesting BCSW to assist in theme and speaker selection
    - Selection meeting October 17th
    - Without a quorum, we will need to discuss this further.
    - They are asking us to help review theme ideas and speaker proposals for the upcoming Young Women's Leadership Summit
      - Speaker proposals are open until October 14th
      - Selection meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 17th, will be virtual
      - SCCP is also asking if maybe 1-2 commissioners would be interested in attending the Summit in November, they will be in person. One session at each highschool

- Please let Marissa know if this is something you would be interested in
- Link to information slides:
  - [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RmwOsepp32y0HBn\\_1DgUjiJMIqLCwEh2Lma7DmjUVQg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RmwOsepp32y0HBn_1DgUjiJMIqLCwEh2Lma7DmjUVQg/edit?usp=sharing)
- Email to follow up with
- Info on 2022 Reproductive Healthcare Emergency Grant
  - Mayor Hamilton has agreed to provide \$100,000 in grant funding to organizations in Bloomington to help with reproductive healthcare
  - They will start accepting grant applications very soon
  - Debby Herbenick has agreed to sit on the selection panel for grant recipients
  - Marissa will provide updated info as she gets it
- Request for WHM 2023 Keynote Speaker
  - Please send ideas to Marissa
- National Women's History Alliance 2023 Women's History Month Theme - "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories"
  - Do we want to use this theme or create new?
    - We will have to vote on this soon so we can move forward with timely planning
    - Please let Marissa know your thoughts - do you like this theme, do you have other ideas?

#### Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
- High School Liaisons
  - Elise and Delaney will pass out Gender Survey flyers at school, and will speak with one of their teachers about distributing it in other ways
  - Marissa is going to look into whether or not there is any "voter registration" happening at the schools and if there is any candidate information available to students

#### Old Business

- WHM Planning Committee
  - Schedule first planning committee meeting
- Women's Achievement Awards Selection Committee
  - Need to re-work nomination form
    - Meeting scheduled for 10/12
    - Committee will re-work the nomination form and have it for review at November meeting
- Letters for local candidates re:abortion rights

#### Public Input

#### Adjournment