

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

**THURSDAY, February 1st, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Landry Culp (virtual), Debby Herbenick (virtual), Eliza Carey, Hannah Chudleigh (virtual), Nicole Bennett, Ashley Hazelrig (virtual)

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

5:05pm

NO QUORUM

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – January minutes

No quorum – will approve January minutes in March

Liaison Report

- Black History Month events
 - BHM Kick-Off, February 1st, City Hall
 - Calendar of events
- IU Women in Business Conference
 - Saturday, February 10th, 10am-4pm, Monroe Convention Center
 - <https://linktr.ee/WiBConference>
- Expiring term and vacancy updates

New Business

- February newsletter items
 - Landry will create spreadsheet to be filled out by Commissioners
 - Discussed different newsletter section
 - Spotlight, Watch/Read/Listen, Announcements, How to Get Involved

Old Business

- WHM 2024 Planning
 - Nomination deadline extended to February 9th
 - Marissa will be scheduling Planning Committee and Award Committee meetings

Updates

- Communication

- Legislature
 - Group discussed revisiting HB 1349
 - Is it moving along?
 - SB 243: Residential Landlord-tenant relations
 - Supported by ICADV
 - Provides that a landlord may not sell a residential rental property that is subject to an unexpired written lease unless the landlord gives written notice to the tenant of the residential rental property not less than 60 days before the landlord lists the property for sale, unless certain exceptions apply. Requires a buyer of a residential rental property to honor an unexpired written lease between the previous owner and a tenant unless the buyer of the residential rental property gives written notice to the tenant that the buyer intends to terminate the lease, no less than 30 days before the lease is terminated, and pays the tenant an amount equal to one month rent plus the full security deposit as specified in the written lease.
 - **Action:** Bill to be heard on 1/31/24 in Judiciary. The Hoosier Housing Needs Coalition, of which ICADV is a member, is working with Senators Hunley and Walker to offer a commonsense solution to Indiana housing quality and affordability crisis by amending SB 243 to include expansion of protection to statewide; requiring properties that fail inspection are unable to be re-rented until issues addressed, and the right of tenants to pay rent to the court until landlords make essential repair. Sign and support HHNC petition clicking here: hoosieraction.org/housing. This is priority bill for ICADV in 2024 because survivor reported in the Re-Centering Report that safe and affordable housing is the number one need to access safety. To view findings, [click here](#).
 - Bathroom letter update
 - Tabling until 2024
- Community Partnerships
 - All-Options Talkline Advocate Training
 - March 4th – April 10th
 - [More information](#)
 - Discussed job fairs for teens
 - Success School (Chamber)
 - Marissa will send Kate Sensabaugh contact info to Eliza
 - Reality Store – March 1st
 - Marissa sent sign up

Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women’s Commission Liaison
- High School Liaisons

Public Input

Daniel Olsson came to give us information on Thomas Horrocks who is running for State House District 62

Adjournment

5:50pm