

Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, May 7, 2020, 5:30PM
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- a. Landry called to order the Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at 5:36PM on May 7, 2020, the meeting was held via Zoom. Commissioners present: Landry Culp, Jenn Sims, Nana Amoah-Ramey, Ashley Hazelrig, and new commissioners Rachel Frydman and A'ame Joslin. City employees Sue Owens and Marissa Parr-Scott and two members of the public: Meghan Meyer and Megan Wade (IU).

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

- a. Nic has added the project Meghan Wade and Lauren Yadavia have begun to help first responders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. For the Good of the Cause

- a. Introductions

4. Approval of March Minutes

- a. Jenn took minutes during the March meeting; however, the notes are in a locked office until restrictions are lifted. April meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

5. Old Business

- a. WHM Lunch - March 25, 2020; Theme: "Valiant Women of the Vote"
 - i. Cancelled due to COVID -19
 - ii. City was able to cancel contract with speaker
 - iii. Tickets (single and table) and sponsorships were refunded
 - iv. City was required to pay \$250 for ticketing service and other miscellaneous fees
 1. Sue will distribute list of cancellation fees paid to commissioners
- b. WLD Event - March 28, 2020, 10:00AM-12:00PM; Theme: "Women: Participation and Progress"
 - i. Cancelled due to COVID-19
 - ii. Event did not incur any cancellation fees
 - iii. Landry shared details about the event with new commissioners and what it provides to the community
 - iv. Ashley asked if Shruti could share her presentation in a different platform such as a video posted on the commissions Facebook page. Shruti accepted and will coordinate with Sue.

6. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Monroe County Women's Commission Report
 - i. Jenn reported that the last two meetings have been cancelled due to COVID-19
 - ii. The county commissioner who plans the girls coding event in June may try to shift the event online; still wishing to partner with City and/or this commission.

- b. High School Liaison
 - i. No update, Kai absent.
 - 1. Sue has not heard from Kai in a couple of months, she is graduating? Sue will reach out again.
 - 2. Commission discussed process for filling the liaison position
 - 3. Landry has contact interested in position
 - 4. Other recruiting methods suggested by commissioners: reaching out to PTAs, commission's Facebook page/social media, Girls Inc, Boys and Girls Club, previous nominees and Young Woman of the Year award winners
 - 5. Ask potential applicants to attend next Zoom meeting
 - 6. Ashley suggested that the commission re-focus the intention of the position and make the expectations clear during entire process
 - a. An engaged young woman who provides a young woman's perspective and helps commission connect to that community; very active in the commission and community, not an idle position
 - b. Nana suggested that we prepare liaison role description/responsibilities document prior to next regular meeting
 - i. Ashley suggested we check the archives as Regina Moore may have already created such document
- c. Young Woman of the Year Award
 - i. Nana stated the award presentation was cancelled and there is discussion on how to present the award in a meaningful way, next year? Other event?
 - 1. Ashley suggested an event that was locally televised
 - 2. Jenn suggested August 26th as it is the actual amendment date
 - 3. Ashley suggest October as there is an "International Day of the Girl"
 - 4. Sue will investigate these dates as possibilities
 - ii. Nana prompted a discussion about how we are and/or could display/store the archives of the last 35 years of commission award winners
 - 1. Monroe County History Center helped develop the PowerPoint used at the Luncheon
 - 2. Add this topic as an agenda item to June

7. New Business

- a. Bloomington Street Fair
 - i. Commission planned to have booth; however, event was cancelled due to COVID-19
- b. Spotlight efforts of Women in Bloomington during COVID-19 pandemic (Nic)
 - i. Nic suggested that the commission use its platform to spotlight women who are helping our community during the pandemic and

has offered to take the lead in writing the articles and has asked the commission to provide her with such stories

1. Meghan Wade presented on her project with Lauren Yadavia
 - a. Filling need for face shields for first responders
 - b. <https://womenandtech.indiana.edu/about/news/2020/grad-students-make-covid-masks.html>

8. Public Input

9. Adjournment

- a. Landry adjourned the meeting at 6:45PM.