

Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women

Thursday, March 4th, 2021, 5:30PM
Zoom Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Ashley Hazelrig, Debby Herbenick, Landry Culp, Nana Amoah-Ramey, Shruti Rana

HS Liaison: Mary Hobson, Bloomington North HS Senior

Guest: Jessica McClellan (MCWC), Dr Kelly Clark

Staff Liaison: Sue Owens

Volunteer Recorder: Meghan Meyer

1. Call to Order

- a. Ashley called to order the Regular Meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at 5:34PM on March 4th, 2021; the meeting was held via Zoom

2. Request for Additional Agenda Items

- a. Engaging with City Council added to New Business, 7b

3. For the Good of the Cause

4. Approval of November minutes

- a. Debby and Landry approved November minutes

5. Old Business

- a. 2021 WHM Lunch – March 24, 2021
 - i. Sue is handling the details at this time; working with Smithville Media on the presentation; keynote speaker records this Tuesday and all others have been recorded
 - ii. Feast and Two Sticks are offering free desserts the week of the event and will pass out the coasters donated by Smile Promotions
- b. 2021 WLD Event
 - i. Tied together with WHM virtual event
- c. Legislative Subcommittee
 - i. Shruti state the last meeting went well and she read the notes from A'ame and Jenn (not present)
 - ii. Will discuss dates for the listening sessions at next meeting and work on report
- d. Listening Session
 - i. Nana reported the planning for the sessions will follow the Legislative Subcommittee's report and will move forward after the March 2021 event

6. Reports from Commissioners

- a. Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison

- i. Nic absent
- ii. Jessica McClellan (MCWC) discussed the listening event March 12th
- iii. Looking for input on ways you would like to make Monroe County better for women
- iv. Ashley asked that the MCWC share information they receive from the community that is relevant to the City's upcoming listening sessions
- b. High School Liaison
 - i. Mary updated the commission on the challenges young women are facing during the pandemic
 - ii. Several active women's groups at both high schools that are beneficial for young women

7. New Business

- a. End of Year Report
 - i. Ashley is working on the report and will present to Jenn and Nic for review
- b. Engaging with City Council
 - i. Debby said the City Council wants to hear engagement from BCSW
 - ii. Opportunity for Legislative Subcommittee to look at City Council's Friday packet and offer the women's perspective
 - iii. City Council was unaware of BCSW's 2019? Letter to the Mayor on City employees paid family leave; Sue will resent letter to Beverly; this is good timing for resubmittal as new budgets and changes are made in July
 - iv. Sue suggested we get on the City Council agenda (to discuss letter) while we are presenting the End of Year Report
 - v. Shruti suggested we bring issues from community brought to BCSW listening sessions to City Council

8. Public Input

9. Adjournment

- a. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 6:12PM

Minutes submitted by Meghan Meyer