



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2009**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on January 6, 2010 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #1101 in Austin, Texas.

Chair- Molly Barker called the Board Meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Laurie Jones, Linda Medina, and Kim Skotak

Staff in Attendance: Karen Sharp and Carla Johnson

Guest in Attendance: Sheila Balog, City of Austin, Organizational Development and Avery Lill, High School, Research Government Class

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-** The minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2009 was approved by Board Member Laurie Jones, second by Kim Skotak.
- 2. OLD Business**
 - a. None**
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Strategic Plan 2010**

Laurie Jones began the discussion of a meeting date for the Strategic Plan for 2010. City of Austin employee Shelia Balog will be the facilitator for this training. Sheila's understanding of the planning process will help lead the ACW through their process of planning. Chair – Molly Barker considered this to be a great idea since we also have new members on board. With the new members applying their new ideas and Sheila's expertise this will provide ACW to reach a common goal. Sheila stated to share special interest of the board or issues that needed to be addressed, keeping in mind the ACW goals are in line with their powers and duties as a commission. The meeting date agreed upon by all is January 13, 2010 at 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. to begin discussion of the Strategic Plan 2010.

b. Travis County Healthcare District

Commissioner Laurie Jones updated the group on the Women's Health Care District in Travis County of a public meeting held. The county maintains services for women anonymously about abortions at different locations. Austin, Texas is one of a few in the country that has this type of program.

c. Discussion regarding quality of Life Survey results

Chair-Molly Barker presented an update on the all paper survey of the different issues within the community. These surveys were entered into the Constant Contact database.

d. Who will attend future women conferences for year 2010

Chair-Molly Barker stated she would like to attend the National Association for Commission of Woman Conference during the month of October. Commissioner Linda Medina stated she would like to attend the Texas Leadership Pipeline Conference which is held in February.

e. Discussion of hosting a Town Hall Meeting

The ACW committee discussed hosting a town hall meeting for the citizens of Austin once every 4 months discussing mental health issues, housing, transportation, employment, education, business development, violence and self defense for women.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS- None

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: Renewal of NACW Membership

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- Strategic Plan 2010

8. ADJOURN: Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn meeting at 2:30 p.m. and was second by Commissioner Skotak without objection.