



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
January 25, 2009**

The Commission for Women convened in a special called meeting on January 25, 2010 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #2003 in Austin, Texas.

Chair- Molly Barker called the Board Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Laurie Jones, Rose Spector, Angela Fredrick, Molly Barker, and Kim Skotak

Staff in Attendance: Carla Johnson

Guest in Attendance: Sheila Balog, City of Austin, Organizational Development

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- None

2. OLD Business

a. Continuation of Strategic Plan 2010

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan 2010

Discussion of the goals from the last meeting:

Educate and promote opportunities for community engagement for the Women's Commission members by hosting organizations, services and individuals who can provide information and resource identification on topics that affect women during each month's Commission Meeting.

- Create and/or publicize a clearinghouse of information gathered for women in the areas of:
 - Housing
 - Education
 - Jobs/Careers;
 - Childcare,
 - And other relevant topics.
- Investigate the relevant interests and activities of other Commissions, Agencies, and Community Groups and determine if any collaborative actions might be taken; as resources are in short supply for women in Austin.

During fiscal year 2010, create opportunities to educate and engage the members of the Women's Commission on the actions and proceedings of City Council that directly affect women in Austin, TX.

Foster opportunities in the community that will engage and support a woman and girl friendly culture through:

- Design and deliver 3-4 Community Forums with targeted, relevant content to the women and girls of Austin. Events to be held in March, July and November 2010;
- Enhance and utilize existing outreach tools to provide information and support commission activities to girls and women;
- Create and distribute a newsletter to support the actions and programs of the Commission members during fiscal year 2010;
- Explore the feasibility of a City of Austin Quality of Life Survey by May 2010.

b. Each commissioner will schedule monthly appointments with their Council Members to update them with information regarding ACW. This year the commission strives to be a news outlet for the citizens of Austin. Also, a suggestion was made requesting that each commissioner discussed with their Council Member of possibly sponsoring an upcoming event.

c. Motion was moved to change Citizen Communication "New and Good" to "New and Noteworthy." Commission Fredrick moved to vote on this change and was second by Commissioner Jones.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS- None

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS: None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS- 211 – Texas United Way Helpline, Reimbursement for Linda for attendance of Power Pipeline, Update March Event, Budget for March Event, Discussion of Proclamation Language scheduled for March 11, 2010, Discuss 2010 Budget.

8. ADJOURN: Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn meeting at 4:58 p.m. and was second by Commissioner Fredrick without objection.