



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2011**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on May 4, 2011 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #1101 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Angela Howard-Fredrick called the Board Meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Angela Howard-Fredrick, Marilyn Bostick, Julia Cuba, Kim Skotak, and Amy Welborn

Staff in Attendance: Sandra Adame and Dolores Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Angela Howard-Fredrick asked Commission members to review minutes from the May 4 meeting. Commissioner Cuba moved to approve the minutes from the commission meeting held on April 6, 2011. Motion to approve minutes was seconded by Commissioner Welborn and minutes were approved with no objection.

STAFF BRIEFING

- Staff liaison, Sandra Adame, distributed handout regarding Austin Commission for Women (ACW) budget. Beginning balance was \$2,200 at start of fiscal year October 1, 2010.
- There have been two expenditures: National Association for Women annual membership fee of \$100 and Constant Contacts annual fee of \$233.82. This leaves a balance of \$1866.18.
- There were no charges for the Governor's Commission for Women Legislative luncheon as one ticket was donated by former ACW member, Beverly Larkam, and the other ticket was comped for Commissioner Cuba.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Women's Hall of Fame event

- The city has a program called Survey Builder, and the Public Information Office recommended that ACW use this for the online nomination form rather than Google docs. Dolores Gonzalez, the city-wide Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, is currently using Survey Builder as a nomination form for the ADA webpage and explained how the form can be created and designed by the commission, and submissions will be e-mailed to a point of contact person who can distribute to the group. Dolores Gonzalez said the two people she works with in PIO for Survey Builder are: Robin Hart and Fredrick Shotlow.
- Commissioner Skotak will send log-in information for Constant Contacts to commissioners in order to use this to disseminate information regarding nominations for Women's Hall of Fame event.

- Commissioner Cuba will create flyer within the next two weeks.
- Discussion about how to market flyers included hiring Motorblade Postering Service. Commissioner Cuba moved to hire Motorblade to pass out flyers. Commissioner Skotak seconded and motion was approved with no objection. After further discussion, however, it was decided to explore other options as Motorblade's route is limited.
- It was suggested that flyers be placed in city libraries. Commissioner Bostick will also look into local organizations, for example, Girl Scouts or Eagle Scouts, to help pass out flyers.
- Chair Angela Howard-Fredrick will follow up with Public Information Office on press release for event.
- Where to house award was discussed and Commissioner Bostick will talk to Council Member Cole about a possible place in City Hall.
- Future agenda items to include speakers for the event and caterer. Fete Accompli was caterer for last event and they are being considered for this event. Sandra Adame will look into getting them registered with the city's Purchasing department.

2. Quality of Life Survey

- Commissioner Bostick has contacted Chaquita Watson and Linder Nelson and they are willing to discuss their experience with a Quality of Life Survey, but prefer a time towards the end of the summer.
- This will be a future agenda item for July or August.

3. Girls Truancy

- Commissioner Cuba gave update. GenAustin working on this program for teen girls who are court-involved.
- The 180 Program, a pilot program, is an eight week session for teenage girls who have been court-ordered for truancy, substance abuse or violence. Sessions will focus on issues they are facing.
- There will be a third party evaluation measuring outcomes with a comparison group of girls that are not in the program.
- Commissioner Cuba asked for recommendations from commissioners for individuals who could serve on 180 Council, which will be a collection of judges and officials in judicial system who will help evaluate the program so it has national best practices.

4. Letter to Local Organizations

- Chair Angela Howard-Fredrick has finalized out ACW letter to local organizations explaining what ACW does and will send out to commissioners

NEW BUSINESS

1. National Association for Women (NACW) Conference

- The NACW Conference is being held July 20-23 in Phoenix, Arizona this year.
- Due to Arizona House Bill 1070, the city of Austin has requested the elimination of travel to and business dealings with the state of Arizona unless it is related to a police investigation, to provide humanitarian aid, or to protect the safety of Austin residents.

- **Austin Commission for Women decided not to send anyone to the NACW Conference this year.**

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2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- **Homeless Shelter in city of Austin and the possibility of containing a unit for women and children**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURN: Commissioner Bostick moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm, seconded by Commissioner Cuba. Motion was approved without objection. Chair Howard-Fredrick adjourned the meeting without objection.

