



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2012**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on February 1, 2012 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #1101 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Julia Cuba called the Board Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Julia Cuba, Amy Welborn, Flannery Bope, Julia Aguilar, Marilyn Bostick, Veronica Garcia

Staff in Attendance: Karen Sharp, Sandra Adame

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- **Natasha Womack, Austin citizen, attended the meeting. She discussed several women's issues of concern to her that she would like to see the ACW address. These issues included entrepreneur opportunities for women in Austin and local child care and youth programs.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Chair Julia Cuba asked Commission members to review minutes from the January 4, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Bostick moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Bope. Minutes were approved with no objection.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Feedback from council members on three key issues they would like to see ACW focus on in the coming year**
 - **Discussion followed and some council members would like some more to time ask women in the community what is important to them.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Annual Internal Review**

Chair Cuba asked staff liaison, Sandra Adame for minutes from calendar year 2011 in order to assess accomplishments from previous year.
2. **Goals for 2012**
 - **Goals for ACW were discussed. Child care is a topic that they would like to focus on in the upcoming year. Affordable, quality child care would help women who work or are going to college. In addition, child care for sick children or special needs children could part of the focus.**
 - **Other goals for ACW were discussed, including teen pregnancies, women's safety, comparing men vs. women salaries, and women in politics.**

- Chair Garcia mentioned that ACW should narrow the focus so that the commission could do substantive work. Chair Bostick motioned that ACW have two goals, child care in Austin and Austin Women's Hall of Fame, with more goals in waiting. Discussion followed that having goals on a Wait List could bind future commissioners who may want to focus on different yet relevant issues as there are a wide spectrum of issues that are important to women in Austin. Commissioner Bostick motioned that ACW focus on two goals for the upcoming year: helping women in Austin access quality, affordable child care and the Austin Women's Hall of Fame event, with no stipulation for goals on a Wait List. Chair Garcia seconded the motion. Motion passed without objection.
- Executive Liaison Sharp said that she would contact the City's Health and Human Services Dept. as well as Community Outreach to see if they could bring in information about child care programs.

3. Updates to Women's Hall of Fame Nomination Forms

- Discussion about changes to Women's Hall of Fame nomination form followed. Commission would like to finalize form and place online in March.
- Commission requested to see press release from last year. Staff liaison Adame will send press release to commissioners.

STAFF BRIEFING

1. Update on ACW Facebook page

Staff Liaison Sandra Adame informed the group that the City's Public Information Office has been contacted. She filled out a form for request for social media request and is waiting on response

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Executive Liaison Karen Sharp will ask Dr. Chaquite Eugene from Community Outreach and Ron Hubbard from Health and Human Services to attend the next ACW meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADJOURN: Commissioner Welborn moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm, seconded by Commissioner Bope. Motion was approved without objection. Chair Cuba adjourned the meeting.

