



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2012**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on March 7, 2012 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #1033 in Austin, Texas.

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

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

Staff in Attendance: Karen Sharp, Sandra Adame, Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Ron Hubbard, and from Travis County, Anna Lisa Fahrenthold

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Julia Cuba asked Commission members to review minutes from the February 1, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Bope moved to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Welborn. Minutes were approved with no objection.

STAFF BRIEFING

1. Presentations were made by city employees: Dr. Chiquita Eugene from Community Outreach, Ron Hubbard from Health & Human Services, and from the Early Childhood Council, Anna Lisa Fahrenthold. All presentations were regarding Austin area child care programs, events, opportunities, as well as challenges
 - Dr. Chiquita Eugene presented the City of Austin Youth & Family Initiatives, programs, and events. Eugene explained that the city currently has 307 programs and events that are geared toward youth and family services and gave a brief overview
 - Ron Hubbard presented information on the city's Health & Human Services Dept. and the programs and challenges of providing affordable childcare in Austin. Hubbard also explained state regulations and the difference between licensed, registered and listed childcare and the minimum code and health requirements for each category; in addition he clarified how many children each category is allowed to care for. Hubbard also said 120 facilities in Travis County meet the certification criteria to be a Texas Rising Star provider.
 - Anna Lisa Fahrenthold from the Early Childhood Council presented a community plan and the School Readiness Road Map from the Early Childhood Council and asked if the ACW would endorse the School Readiness Road Map.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Internal Review

- Chair Cuba completed the commission's annual Internal Review, which will be turned into the City Clerk's office. Commissioner Bope motioned to accept the review. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed with no objection.

2. Women's Hall of Fame event

- Aguilar presented the nomination form, with some minor changes. Commissioner Welborn motioned to post the nomination form online. Chair Cuba seconded to post the nomination form with the date added. Possible dates were discussed and Commissioner Bostick will take the lead on looking at possible dates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Marketing strategies for Women's Hall of fame event
- Information from commissioners on feedback they received from community on availability and costs for quality, affordable childcare

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADJOURN: Commissioner Aguilar moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm, seconded by Chair Cuba. Motion was approved without objection. Chair Cuba adjourned the meeting.

