



**Commission for Women
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2012**

The Commission for Women convened in a regular meeting on April 4, 2012 at City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Room #1033 in Austin, Texas.

Chair Julia Cuba called the Board Meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

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

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez, Sandra Adame

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Julia Cuba asked Commission members to review minutes from the March 7, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Aguilar noted that the time of the end of the meeting in March was 2:50pm rather than 2:30pm. Aguilar moved to approve the minutes with the change. Motion to approve minutes with aforementioned change was seconded by Commissioner Bope. Motion passed with no objection.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Feedback from commissioners on what they received from community on quality, affordable childcare
 - Commissioners are still working on this.
2. Women's Hall of Fame event
 - Marketing strategies were discussed such as distributing flyers, press release and Constant Contact. Also, televising the event on Channel 6, the city channel, was suggested.
 - Staff liaison Sandra Adame will test the nomination form and let the commission know when it is ready.
 - The press release will be sent out by the second week of April. Motorblade will be hired to pass out flyers and Dolores Gonzalez said she would place flyers in the libraries.
 - The deadline for nominations for the Women's Hall of Fame will be June 11.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Feedback/questions about presentations from Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Ron Hubbard, and Anna Lisa Fahrenthold
 - Chair Cuba spoke with Hubbard and Fahrenthold in a separate meeting. They focused on single mothers and the challenges they face to become eligible for childcare from government agencies, such as Workforce Solutions.

- Challenges include the fact that the mother has to 1.) state the father's name 2.) apply for child support and 3.) if receiving child support, not eligible for childcare
- Chair Cuba had a list of people from various agencies that relate to childcare and asked commissioners if they would divide the tasks and help call different people from the list. The focus will be access as it pertains to single moms.
- Questions commissioners will ask the contacts include: what are the barriers these women face, what is the community perspective, what's in place to remove barriers, is there any movement toward legislation, and where are regulations being imposed?
- Each commissioner who was in attendance agreed to assist. From this research, the commission could decide on actions to take such as town hall meeting, visit their respective council members and/or advocate to make changes to eligibility requirements.

2. Early Childhood Council plan

- At February ACW meeting, Anna Lisa Farenthold asked the ACW to endorse the Early Childhood Council's community plan, the School Readiness Road Map. Commissioner Bostick moved for the Austin Women's Commission to endorse it. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion, which passed with no objection.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Trophies for Women's Hall of Fame event

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.

