



**Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women  
September 22, 2014  
City Hall, Lynwood Roberts Room  
Minutes**

**Present:** Patt Sher, Donna Kulda, Roshanda Jackson, Dr. Gail A. Patin, Oleta Riggs, Sabrina Simmons, Dr. Ann Williams, Enochia Anderson, Natalie Indelicato, Annie Grogan, Nichole Terry, Robin Hill, Phenessa Harris

**Absent:** Christen Luikart, Tangi Williams, Ruth Ann Hepler

**Staff:** Alaina Reaves

**Guests:** Sheila McGriff, Reva Oliver

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 pm.

Roshanda Jackson began introductions and introduced the new Commissioners. The City of Jacksonville Ethics Officer Carla Miller will attend the next Commission meeting on September 29 from 4:30 – 5:00 pm to discuss Sunshine Laws.

The two priorities for the Commission is the Women Up! Event and the Winter Clothes Drive in September. The Winter Clothes event will benefit Hubbard House, Sisters O.I.C.U., and if there is any overflow those items will go to All I Know Incorporated. The gear coats, jackets, socks, gloves (winter gear).

Commissioners signed up for 6 subcommittees

- 1) Volunteers
- 2) Public Awareness/Media
- 3) Education & Advocacy
- 4) Advisory
- 5) Community Outreach
- 6) Budget

Commissioners discussed the Women Up Event scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. At last week's subcommittee meeting on Women Up! it was decided that the theme for 2014 would be "Your Voice Matters." There are 8 questions that the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. There was also discussion at the Women Up! Committee meeting. The date for the Women Up! event was voted October 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 – 7:30.

There were questions left to answer for the event including creating and sending the press release and invitations, and marketing on social media.

New Commissioner Phenessa Harris suggested using Constant Contact or distribution list. New Commissioner Natalie Indelicato asked about alternative dates besides October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Donna Kulda explained the premise of Women Up! She also reminded the group that the Women's Directory is a beneficial resource.

Roshanda relayed that the Florida Commission on the Status (FCSW) will be attending the event in October. FCSW does have an electronic version on survey monkey, and the information collected will go to them and the Jacksonville MCSW will retain the information as well. The FCSW needs the all the information collected by January. Donna agreed with some of the other Commissioners that perhaps the event should be pushed back to November.

Patt Sher asked about the output from last year, and how that could be used as a draw for this year. New Commissioner Nichole Terry suggested using the new event to roll out the 2013 results; for example, here are the top 3 issues; we want to hear more from you. Use one representative from each of those issues as the basis for discussion for 2014.

Roshanda voiced her concerns about making sure the Women Up! report gets seen by the Mayor and suggested a meeting be scheduled with Mia Jones to present those facts.

Towards the end of the meeting, several votes were presented. A vote was proposed to reconsider the date for the Women Up event from October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nichole Terry made a motioned and Natalie Indelicato seconded. A vote was proposed to select the theme "Your Voice Matters", Dr. Ann Williams made a motion and Mary Ann Jacobs seconded.

The Women Up! invitations will go out to all MCSW contacts but organizations in the Directory will be highlighted. Commissioners are encouraged to go through the directory and suggest organizations that are missing. Any suggestions for updates should go through Dr. Williams.

Donna asked for all Commissioners to reach out to sponsors who would be interested.

The approval of the minutes from August 25 Minutes was tabled for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm