

County of Riverside
Commission for Women
4080 Lemon Street, 5th Floor
Conference Room C
Riverside, CA 92501

Minutes April 20, 2006

Meeting began at 9:10 a.m.

In Attendance:

Christine Murphy, Chair – District 4
Lori Stone-Rubin, Vice Chair – District 3
Lisa M. Piña, Secretary – District 2
Cherie Curzon – District 1
Eileen Fry-Bowers – District 1
Caroline Epperson – District 2
Coby Webb – District 4 (via video-teleconference in Palm Desert)
Ennette Nusbaum – District 5
Fonda McGensy – District 5
Jana Roush – CEO Liaison

Absent:

Martha Minkler – District 3

Guests:

Robin Reid from Supervisor Stone's office was scheduled to speak, however, due to a schedule conflict, Ms. Reid advised she would attend a Commission meeting on a future date. Yvonne Herrera from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was present.

Minutes:

The minutes of March 16, 2006, were reviewed and approved.

Actions taken:

- Review of September 15, 2005, Minutes
 - Motion: Caroline Epperson
 - 2nd: Lisa Piña
 - Discussion: None
 - Result: Approved

Current/Upcoming Legislation:

- The Board of Supervisors Policy A-27, Legislation Coordination, and the Executive Office Form 11s concerning the 2006 Federal Legislative Platform, the 2006 State Legislative Platform, and the 2006 County Legislative Platform were distributed to each of the Commissioners.
- Christine Murphy asked to receive a copy of the Women and Aging report sponsored by the Riverside County Foundation on Aging. Christine requested that the Women and Aging Report be discussed at the Commission's May 2006 meeting.

Open House for May 11, 2006:

- The Commissioners reviewed the roles and responsibilities related to the May 11, 2006, Open House. Jana Roush reported that she had received only 2 responses to the Commission's invitations to the Open House. Christine asked that Jana send each Commissioner a copy of the invitation letter and asked that each Commissioner contact 5 of the invitees to encourage greater participation at the event.
- Commissioner (and Sheriff's Deputy) Coby Webb is scheduled as the Open House lunch speaker.
- Jana reported that the Commission's purple colored pens were ordered and should arrive in time for the Open House.
- Lori Stone reported that she would contact the caterer to order the breakfast and lunch foods and will order the tables and chairs for the event.

Awards for Open House:

- Christine requested that the Commissioners make recommendations about outstanding non-profit organizations that have earned recognition by the Commission for Women at the Open House. Lori suggested that the Commission wait for the RSVPs to come in prior to selecting an organization for an award. Lori advised that any selected agency for an award be in attendance at the Open House. Christine stated that she and Jana would work on award language.

Commission Logo:

- Yvonne Herrera provided the Commissioners copies of several revisions of the original draft logo, and one new logo. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to a subcommittee of Commissioners to meet with Yvonne, at her work site, to redesign the draft logo. The subcommittee will include Cherie Curzon, Lori Stone, and Caroline Epperson.

Commission for Women June 2006 Retreat:

- Christine suggested that the Commission schedule the June 2006 retreat during the 2nd week of June. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the retreat would be held on Thursday, June 8, 2006, in the desert area.

Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Discussion:

- Christine said the Commission could host the August 2006 ACCW meeting in August 2006. Christine said that the ACCW quarterly meeting is a two-day event, and suggested that the Commission host the meeting on Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, 2006, in the desert area.

National Association of Commissions for Women:

- Christine asked if any of the Commissioners were interested in attending the NACW convention scheduled for July 19-22, 2006, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Christine and Lori stated that they may be interested in attending and Christine asked that the Commissioners discuss it further at the May 2006 Commission meeting.
- Christine advised that she is planning to attend the NACW meeting scheduled for May 19, 2006, in Sacramento.

Commission for Women Budget:

- The Commissioners reviewed the current budget report dated April 17, 2006.

Correspondence:

- The Commission received an invitation from the Celebrity Classic Foundation to attend its 3rd Annual Foundation for the Retarded of the Desert Celebrity Golf Classic to be held at the Bighorn Golf Club on May 22-23, 2006.

Announcements:

- Lori distributed a fact sheet from Supervisor Stone's office concerning Fibrocystic Breast Condition.
- Lori distributed the summary of findings from focus group interviews concerning "Starting Your Own Business After 50." The focus group interviews were conducted by Rita Strombeck, Ph.D. for the Riverside County Foundation on Aging.
- Lori announced that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and announced that the County would recognize "Denim Day" in support of awareness of sexual assault.
- Lori distributed a copy of the 2006 Clothesline Project announcement by The Center of Excellence for Abuse Services. The Clothesline Project is dedicated to the victims/survivors and family members of sexual assault. The project is intended to encourage supporters to wear certain colors and that those colors represent a particular area of abuse. Lori suggested that the Commission establish a clothesline project in 2007. Chris requested that Denim Day and the Clothesline Project be agendaized for the Commission's June retreat.
- Cherie announced that the Riverside Rape Crisis Center's "My Strength Won't Hurt" campaign was courageous and has been successful in that there are numerous male participants in that campaign.
- Lori announced that Sheriff Doyle is to announce the members of the Sheriff's Child Safety Committee at a Press Conference to be held on Friday, April 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m. Lori said that the newly formulated Child Safety Committee supports the renewal of "Jessica's Law." Lori also distributed an e-mail concerning Jessica's Law.
- Lori announced that a Personal Safety event is scheduled in Temecula on May 20, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Promenade Mall. Lori said that interested parties should contact Ginny Ince at 600-4342.
- Lori announced that the country is experiencing a nursing crisis. In response, Lori announced that the County and UCR would collaborate to train nurses and nurse instructors. Lori also announced that she is scheduled to lobby in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Susan Komen Foundation, concerning the need for more qualified oncology nurses.
- Cherie announced that the Riverside Rape Crisis Center's annual fundraising dinner is scheduled for May 6, 2006.
- Fonda McGensy announced that the YWCA has scheduled their "Men Who Cook" event for May 13, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.
- Fonda also announced that SafeHouse is hosting a luncheon on May 24, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., at the Mission Inn. Fonda distributed an invitation to each of the Commissioners.

Other:

None

Next Meeting:

- Commission Open House, Thursday, May 11, 2006, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the County Administrative Center Annex, lunch following.
- Commission Meeting, Thursday, May 18, 2006, 9:00 a.m., County Administrative Center, 5th Floor Annex

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.