

**County of Riverside  
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING MARCH 16, 2006  
4080 Lemon Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conference Room C  
Riverside, California 92501**

**MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Christine Murphy at 9:05 am

**ATTENDING:**

Christine Murphy, Chair, District 4  
Lori Stone-Rubin, Vice Chair, District 3  
Cherie Curzon, District 1  
Eileen Fry-Bowers, District 1  
Caroline Epperson, District 2  
Martha Minkler, District 3  
Ennette Nusbaum, District 5  
Coby Webb, District 4  
Jana Roush, CEO Liaison

**ABSENT:**

Lisa M. Pina, Secretary, District 2  
Fonda McGensy, District 5

**GUESTS:**

Patti Gribow, President, Women Leaders Forum

**ACTION TAKEN:**

**Approval of February 16, 2006 Minutes**

Motion: Christine Murphy  
Second: Ennette Nusbaum  
Discussion: None  
Result: Motion approved.

**Request graphic designer to revise logo design and resubmit for approval to County Board of Supervisors, by May 21, 2006.**

Motion: Caroline Epperson  
Second: Coby Webb  
Discussion: Logo needs to reflect clearer definition of Commission's purpose, more feminine, use colors that translate clearly when reproduced in black and white. Consensus: don't rush process.  
Result: Motion approved.

### **Approval of Application for Website Link**

Motion: Caroline Epperson  
Second: Eileen Fry-Bowers  
Discussion: Caroline requested addition of sentence "Is your organization willing to reciprocally link websites?" to the form.  
Result: Motion approved

### **WOMEN LEADERS FORUM PRESENTATION BY PRESIDENT PATTI GRIBOW:**

Patti Gribow shared packages of information on the five-year old Women Leaders Forum. The goals of the organization include reaching out to the west desert communities by supporting women and encouraging them to be the best they can be. The organization mentors women of all ages, all over the world. It is part of the International Alliance for Women. The WLF gives scholarships (\$10,000 in 2005), provides educational platforms and networking opportunities. Programs include Wall Street Teens, a program directed to high school teens that teaches banking, real estate, investment, interview and other skills. WLF also has a young Ambassadors Program and Leadership Academy. WLF raises funding with an annual "A Night with the Girls" as well as co-hosting desert conferences that support and do business with women locally and around the world.

A suggestion was made that WLF participate with Riverside County Commission for Women when RCCW hosts the California Conference in August.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS -- CURRENT/UPCOMING LEGISLATION:**

- ◆ Ennette reported that there were no new legislative developments this month. She asked fellow commissioners what approach the Commission should take to make the Commission's position on women's/children's legislation known to legislators and/or lobbyists?
- ◆ Lori recommended that we contact Robin Reid and ask her to make a presentation to the Commission on how to support legislators and endorse legislative efforts. Ennette said she would follow-up and ask Robin to speak at the April meeting.
- ◆ Martha suggested carefully researching issues of importance to women and children in the County and preparing policy position papers for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Jana informed Commissioners that position papers were prepared in the past. She will research what was done and email information to Commissioners.
- ◆ Chris suggested it would be good to explore partnerships with other organizations that were focused on the same issues as the Commission. Topics specifically mentioned by Commissioners included: human trafficking, grandparents becoming

custodial guardians, pediatric immunizations, child pornography, and foster children aging out of the system.

◆Martha spoke about the plight of foster children aging out of the system and was asked to return to the Commission with detailed information. Eileen will supplement Martha's report with information she has on legal support for foster children.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Report On Open House, Thursday, May 11, 2006**

- ◆Hours 8 to 11 am. Luncheon following.
- ◆Need sponsorship for luncheon. Cherie to contact First Five. EDA another sponsor possibility.
- ◆Commissioners to send invitation list updates to Jana: suggested additions- Office on Aging (Martha), Joyful Child Foundation (Chris), Healthy Beginnings (Coby).
- ◆Jana to send out information to County department heads and employees.
- ◆Chris said Jana would coordinate the Open House.
- ◆All RSVPs should be returned to Jana.
- ◆Caroline to send Jana list of all legislators.
- ◆Proposed luncheon speakers: If event sponsor, First Five representative, Erin Runnion (Fonda to ask), Coby Webb, (Chris needs to make formal request to Coby's supervisor).
- ◆Chris tasked Commissioners to think of ways to recognize organizations performing outstanding work in the County. She mentioned presenting awards at the open house luncheon.
- ◆Ennette to prepare press release about the Open House.
- ◆Recognize and publicly thank Yvonne Herrera, graphic artist at the Sheriff's Department for her work on the logo at the Open House luncheon.
- ◆Cherie will obtain price quotes on pens for Commission to give out at Open House. Commission name and website should be on pens.

### **Proposed CFW Logo**

See action taken.

Additional discussion: Per Lori: Supervisor Stone did not like logo because he felt it was not feminine, did not clearly represent family. Original unanimous motion to approve logo included eight Commissioners. Two Commissioners were absent on day of vote. After lengthy discussion of how to proceed, commissioners decided to ask graphic artist to revise logo and submit revisions to commissioners at April meeting.

### **Application For Website Link Form**

See action taken.

**Allocation of Jana's Time to The Commission**

Chris reported she had talked with Ken Mohr and permission was granted for Jana to spend more time working on Commission business. The only stipulation was that Jana could not spend time preparing minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lori passed out a proposed Commission for Women Endorsement Application and requested that Commissioner's review and provide input.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris announced that Fonda was receiving a special award from Maria Shriver on April 11, 2006 for her work with SafeHouse. Caroline will forward press information to Commissioners.

**OTHER**

Eileen reported that according to the US Census most single parent households are renters. She will distill census bureau information and demographics and submit a report in April.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.