

County of Riverside
Commission for Women
4080 Lemon Street-5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Minutes for August 23, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting began at 9:10 a.m.

Present:

Lori Stone, Chair – District 3
Cherie Curzon, Secretary – District 1
Eileen Fry-Bowers – District 1
Carol Lynn Anderson – District 2
Christine Murphy – District 4 (via video conference)
Coby Webb – District 4 (via video conference)
Ennette Nusbaum – District 5
Jana Roush – CEO Liaison

Absent:

Lisa M. Pina, Vice Chair – District 2
Elizabeth Hamerschlag – District 3
Fonda McGensy – District 5,

Guests:

Cheri Andelkovic from Supervisor Marion Ashley's (District 5) Office
Linda Starr (via video conference)

Approval of Minutes: May 24, 2007 Minutes - Motion by Chris Murphy/Second by Ennette Nusbaum, minutes approved. Could not approve June Minutes.

Discussion of July 19, 2007 Minutes – Chris Murphy questioned whether having a secret ballot to vote on the new slate of officers violated the Brown Act. Eileen Fry-Bowers said it was not secret – our voting process is open. Each of the written ballots cast were opened in front of everyone and the results were made known to all present. Eileen said the manner in which we conducted the ballots for the new slate of officers was not violation of the Brown Act and that we followed our procedures.

Motion by Carol Lynn Anderson/Second by Lori Stone, abstained Chris Murphy, minutes were approved.

Action Items:

Commission Logo – Concept Design #3 – Motion for Approval Cherie Curzon/Second by Lori Stone – vote approved. We will now submit the logo to the Board of Supervisors for Approval.

Treasurer Position – Eileen Fry-Bowers researched the Treasurer position by looking at many other Women's Commissions. She took the language from these organizations. The Treasurer would be a liaison with the CEO and would give monthly reports to the Commission. Treasurer position will be reviewed by the Commissioners for the next 30

days and be on the Agenda for the September meeting for approval. Chris Murphy said she doesn't believe we need this position and will probably vote no on it.

Certificate of Endorsement – a draft was presented to the Commission for approval.
Motion by Curzon/Second by Anderson – Vote approved.

Meal Cost at the Annual Luncheon – Cherie Curzon explained why the Event Committee wanted to have the luncheon free to attendees. Last year we had many non-profit and government entities complain that they had very limited financial resources and could not afford to send people to the luncheon/symposium. Since our audience again will be from non-profits and government, we wanted to encourage attendance at the event by making the luncheon free. The Event Committee believes if can get sponsorships from our Supervisors and others we can hold the luncheon for free.

Chris Murphy thinks there could be a possible backlash doing it for free. She doesn't think we can get people from the Desert to attend this event. She is reluctant to ask her Supervisor to help underwrite it.

Lori Stone stated the homeless issue is County wide.

Cherie re-stated the reasons the Event Committee wanted to do the luncheon for free. Questions about who was speaking arose.

Lori stated that we had reached out to the Clergy in the area.

Guest Linda Starr wanted to make sure people in the Desert attend.

Event Committee spoke about who was going to be speaking at the event.

Ennette Nusbaum was concerned that no one from the Desert (Martha's Village) and no one representing the City of Riverside was going to be speaking.

Eileen Fry-Bowers suggested a roundtable discussion to give the audience an opportunity to ask questions. Ennette concurred. Eileen also stated that we needed to have the City of Riverside and the Desert represented at the roundtable.

Coby Webb said she would invite someone from Martha's Village and Ennette said she would contact some from the City of Riverside.

Chris wants a list of all proposed speakers. Pastor Raul Diaz – Path of Life Ministries, Maria Marquez – RivCo Mental Health Services Manager, Lt. James McElvain, PhD - RSO Perris Station, Jody White – DPSS Staff Analyst and survivor, City of Riverside and Martha's Village.

Lori Stone told the Commission that she was working with KZSW TV on a documentary regarding homelessness. She is going to be panhandling in the La Sierra area of Riverside. She will first be dressed as an educated business woman who finds herself homeless and then she will dress as a dirty unkempt person. She wants to show the video at our luncheon.

Motion to approve "free" meal cost at luncheon by Curzon/Second by Anderson. Motion approved.

Coby Webb had to leave at 10:30 a.m.

Speaker scheduled for next meeting

Chris Murphy and Ennette Nusbaum left at 10:30 a.m. – We no longer had a quorum

Lori Stone wants PR/Marketing to be 1st on the Committee Agenda next month.

Program: Update on the Unforgettables Foundation – Eileen Fry-Bowers spoke at the Foundations Mission. They will be our Guest Speaker in November. October speaker will be someone to speak on Breast Cancer Awareness.

Committee Reports:

Legislation Committee – Eileen Fry-Bowers, Chair

#7 Brown Act – Already discussed

Outstanding Woman of the Year Award – Eileen has not had an opportunity to work on it. Not sure if we want a woman or open it to non-profits. Lori wants the verbiage by 11/07 and out into the Community by 12/07. She would like to honor the recipient at our April Open House.

Legislative Forum – Women and Families. Eileen will draft a letter of proposal to the Board of Supervisors. It will be presented as an action item at the next Commission meeting.

P.R./Marketing Committee – Ennette Nusbaum, Chair – had to leave at 10:40a.m. – Continued to September meeting

Events Committee – Cherie Curzon, Chair – Spoke about having our Open House in April and also hoping to have one in the Desert Area.

Commissioners' Comments on their current projects/issues:

Eileen Fry-Bowers said the American Heart Association is holding a Grass Roots Advocacy on October 19, 2007, between 6 and 7pm. It is for the Community so they can see how best to advocate for health issues through churches, schools and legislation in order to improve health in the Inland Empire.

Eileen is going to be speaking at the Temecula Business Women on October 30, 2007 in Old Town Temecula.

Cherie Curzon – Reminded everyone about the YWCA of Riverside County's Annual Women of Achievement Luncheon on September 20, 2007, at the Riverside Convention Center; and the Riverside Community Health Foundations Dinner and Auction on September 29, 2007, in the Riverside Community Hospital Doctor's Parking Lot.

Lori Stone – 3rd District Betterment Project – “What would you do to make life better for someone?”

Chair Comments – Lori reminded us about lunch next month after our meeting to honor our past chair, Chris Murphy. She asked Jana to make lunch reservations.

Public Comments: Linda Starr thanked us for allowing her to participate in our meetings. She wants to go to our lunch for Chris.

Adjournment at 11:20 a.m.