

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

Minutes February 7, 2007

Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance:

Christine Murphy, Chair – District 4 (via video conference)  
Lori Stone, Vice Chair – District 3  
Lisa M. Piña, Secretary – District 2  
Eileen Fry-Bowers – District 1  
Carol Lynn Anderson – District 2  
Coby Webb – District 4 (via video conference)  
Fonda McGensy – District 5  
Jana Roush – CEO Liaison

Absent:

Cherie Curzon – District 1  
Ennette Nusbaum – District 5

Guests:

Cheri Andelkovic, Legislative Assistant for Supervisor Marion Ashley (District 5)  
Kathy Scott from the Riverside Medical Clinic  
Lois Kenney from Countrywide Home Loans  
Wanda Scruggs from the Riverside Black History Committee

Minutes:

The minutes of January 22, 2007, were not available to be reviewed or approved.

Actions taken:

- Approve that the Commission endorse the March 24, 2007, Empowering Young Women Conference  
Motion: Lori Stone  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Piña  
Discussion: Lori suggested that the Commission Chair send a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting approval to use the County's logo for the purpose of endorsing an event.  
Result: Approved
  
- Request that the Board of Supervisors Approve a \$15,000 Budget for the Commission.  
Motion: Lori Stone  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Fonda McGensy  
Discussion: See "Budget" below  
Result: Approved

## Public Comments/Speakers:

- Fonda McGensy introduced Wanda Scruggs to the Commission members. Fonda said that Wanda is the Chair for the Riverside Black History Committee and was attending the Commission's meeting to share information about an upcoming conference.
- Wanda advised the Commission that the Riverside Black History Committee, the Riverside Community College, and the Young Women's Christian Association will sponsor the Empowering Young Women Conference to be held on March 24, 2007.
- Wanda said the mission of the conference was to motivate, educate and empower.
- Wanda advised that the conference was for young girls, ages 12 to 21, and this year's theme will be "Just Do You!" Wanda said that the conference was to be held each year for the purpose of educating and empowering young women through workshops and other interactions. The Conference focuses the attendees on higher education, health and wellness, and image, and attendees are encouraged to express themselves through dance and other activities.
- Wanda stated that the Conference is held for one day only, and many attendees are from foster care.
- Wanda said that the Conference is free to the attendees and the Conference committee has procured sponsors for prizes.
- Wanda encouraged the Commission to advertise the Conference to other attendees and requested that the Commission endorse the Conference.
- Wanda also requested that the Commission gather information or marketing materials to be distributed to the Conference attendees.

## Budget:

- The Commission reviewed the current budget and decided to request that the Board of Supervisors approve a larger budget for Fiscal Year 2007/08. The Commission agreed to ask the Board to increase the budget from \$10,000 (set earlier in 2006 but not yet requested) to \$15,000.

## Committee Reports and Actions:

### Legislative Committee:

- Eileen Fry-Bowers advised the Commission that there is a new State legislature for 2007. Eileen stated that while the Commission was unable to agendaize any issues along with the Board of Supervisors legislative agenda for 2007, that the Board had approved an agenda with women and children issues.
- Eileen also alerted the Commission to review the Heart for Women Act.

### Events Committee:

- Lori Stone volunteered to order the food for the lunch with the Board of Supervisors scheduled for February 15, 2007. The food will be ordered from Simple Simons.
- Chris Murphy stated that she has prepared a year-end report for the Board to be distributed to the Board members at the lunch.
- The Commission discussed the Open House details. Jana Roush stated she had reserved the Atrium area for April 10, and that she has reserved 2 first floor conference rooms for the lunch. Lori stated she would invite Rod Pacheco, District Attorney, to speak at the Open House lunch. Lori also stated she would arrange for the continental breakfast and lunch foods. Chris stated that the Commission should send a letter to the non-profits.
- The Commission discussed the annual luncheon/symposium topic and speaker. The Commission agreed that the celebrity speaker's charge of \$35,000 was too high and

asked that Lori try to negotiate a donation in lieu of the speaker's fee. Lori suggested, and the Commission agreed, to establish a subcommittee to organize the luncheon. Lori, Carol Lynn, and Kathy Scott volunteered to be on the subcommittee, and Cherie Curzon and Ennette were selected as well. It was suggested that Ennette Nusbaum work on Save the Date post cards.

P.R./Marketing Committee:

- Tabled to next Commission meeting.

Website Committee:

- Eileen reminded the Commissioners to update their picture and/or biography on the Commission's website.

Nominating Committee:

- Lisa Piña, Coby Webb and Fonda McGensy are on the Nominating Committee.
- Chris reminded the Committee members that the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary nominees should be taken and that the bylaws should be reviewed.
- Carol Lynn Anderson volunteered to be the Secretary.

Goals and Future Events:

- PSA or PowerPoint Presentation – Tabled to next Commission meeting.

Correspondence:

- None

Announcements:

- The Commission agreed that the current brochure is outdated and needs updating. Eileen and Ennette will work on revising the brochure, and the Committee agreed to use County Printing Services to publish the final brochure.
- Coby Webb announced that she retired both Bloodhounds, Maggie Mae and Abigail. Coby said that once she promoted to the rank of Sergeant, she quickly realized that she could not serve the Sheriff's Department as a supervisor and continue to respond to calls for the use of her Bloodhounds.

Next Meeting:

- Commission Meeting, Thursday, February 15, 2007, 9:00 a.m., County Administrative Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Annex, followed by lunch with the Board of Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.