

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

Minutes March 22, 2007

Meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

In Attendance:

Christine Murphy, Chair – District 4  
Lisa M. Piña, Secretary – District 2  
Eileen Fry-Bowers – District 1  
Cherie Curzon – District 1  
Carol Lynn Anderson – District 2  
Fonda McGensy – District 5  
Jana Roush – CEO Liaison

Absent:

Lori Stone, Vice Chair – District 3  
Elizabeth Hamerschlag - District 3  
Coby Webb – District 4  
Ennette Nusbaum – District 5

Guests:

Ken Mohr, Assistant County Executive Officer  
Kathi Scott, Riverside Medical Clinic  
Linda Starr (via video conference)

Minutes:

The minutes of January 22, 2007, and February 7, 2007, were reviewed and approved.

Actions taken:

Approve Minutes of January 22, 2007

Motion: Lisa Pina  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Eileen Fry-Bowers  
Discussion: None.  
Result: Approved

Approve Minutes of February 7, 2007

Motion: Lisa Pina  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Fonda McGensy  
Discussion: Cherie Curzon abstained—she was not present at the February 7 meeting.  
Result: Approved

Budget:

- Ken Mohr attended the meeting to report on the County's budget process as it relates to the Commission's budget. Ken advised that in the past, the Commission's budget was included in the County Executive Office budget. He stated that a few

- years ago, the Commission's budget was \$2000 per fiscal year but that had increased to \$5,000 for the last couple of fiscal years.
- Ken stated that when the Commission's budget went unspent, that the left over amount would revert back to the County's general fund.
  - Ken stated that the Commission is more active than in past years and we had begun to bring in our own money to support our activities. Ken stated this was never done by past Commissions.
  - Ken stated that the Commission's budget is now a revenue source, and as before, any unspent money would revert back to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.
  - Ken stated that the Commission's last years' budget and current year budget unspent amounts reverted back to the CEO's budget but was then put back into the Commission's budget.
  - Ken stated that in order to manage the Commission's budget more effectively, that the Commission is now considered a "sub fund" of the CEO's budget and no longer reported as a line item.
  - Ken stated that the Commission's budget for Fiscal Year 2007/08 will be \$25,000. Ken explained that \$15,000 is the appropriation and \$10,000 is the anticipated revenue. Ken stated the CEO's office will recommend that \$15,000 be appropriated to the Commission's budget and that there was no need for the Commission to make any budget request of the Board of Supervisors separately. However, Ken did state that he wants a formal request from the Commission for the additional \$10,000.
  - Ken stated that unspent funds (carryovers) will continue to be included in prospective years' budgets.

#### Committee Reports and Actions:

##### Legislative Committee:

- Eileen Fry-Bowers advised that the federal bill on stroke prevention was out of the House committee that had been reviewing it. She also reported that the federal Heart for Women Act was now out of committee.
- Eileen also reported that the State is reviewing a family bill, SB120, that is requiring restaurants and food vendors to list ingredients and calories for the food they sell. Eileen stated she would be in Sacramento in May to lobby for SB120.

##### Events Committee:

- Since Lori Stone was not at the meeting, Lisa Pina reported that Lori is to order the food for both the continental breakfast and lunch for the April 10 Open House. Fonda McGensy will order the tables and the linens. Jana reported that the invitations were out in the mail already. Chris Murphy stated she would ask the Economic Development Department to contribute to the cost of the food.
- The Commission discussed the Marriott for the venue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon and Symposium to be scheduled on October 2007. The Commission's target date of October 12 was no longer an option and the Commission considered the alternative dates of October 10, 11 and 17. The Marriott's parking is satisfactory and the Marriott will waive the room fee for the event.
- The event committee announced that Rob Stewart of the County's Department of Public Social Services informed her that there is a Homeless Conference scheduled for May 9, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Brian Levin from Cal State University, San Bernardino, is scheduled as the event's speaker.
- The event committee reported that Lori stated that the County would roll out its homeless initiative and announce a homeless campus at the October event. Lori stated that Rob Stewart could be one of the speakers at the event and Fonda suggested that we sponsor some homeless women at our lunch.

- Fonda stated that our event should support the shelters' plight and the Commission's event committee would go out to desert and Southwest area shelters to take pictures to be used at the event.
- Fonda also stated that there would be sponsorship opportunities for tables and to sponsor the homeless women who may attend the event.

P.R./Marketing Committee:

- Tabled to next Committee meeting.
- The Committee requested that Eileen's brochure concept be taken to a graphics artist for further development.

Website Committee:

- Tabled to next Committee meeting.

Nominating Committee:

- Lisa Piña, Coby Webb and Fonda McGensy are on the Nominating Committee.
- Lisa reported that nominations will be taken in May via e-mail for a final vote in June for the slate of officers for 2008.

Goals and Future Events:

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

Correspondence:

- None

Announcements:

- On behalf of Lori, Lisa passed out information about a local grant, a breast cancer fact sheet, and the brochure for the Race for Humanity.
- Cherie Curzon announced the YWCA's "Men Who Cook" event that is scheduled for April 28, and also announced the Rape Crisis Center's annual fundraiser also scheduled for April 28 at the Victoria Club.
- Fonda reminded everyone about the March 24, 2007, "Empowering Women Conference at RCC and also reminded the Commission about Safe House's "Wonder of Women" event to be held on March 28.

Next Meeting:

- Open House, Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 8:00 a.m., County Administrative Center, Annex, followed by lunch with the non-profit vendors.
- Commission Meeting, Thursday, April 26, 2007, 9:00 a.m., County Administrative Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Annex.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.