DRAFT MINUTES
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Permit and Resource Management Department (PRMD)
2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016 6.00PM

Commissioners Present:
First District: Jan Blalock (Officer-at-Large), Beatrice Kinkead Blanchard, Joanne M. Brown*
Second District: Caren Montante*
Third District: Regina De La Cruz (Chair), Victoria Fleming
Fourth District: Rebecca Hernandez
Fifth District: Lorena Barrera, Ariana Diaz De Leon

Commissioners Absent:
Second District: Trisha Almond (Vice Chair)
Fourth District: Stephanie Larson
Fifth District: Lynnette Barlesi **

Staff Present:
Tracy Cunha, Deputy Clerk
* Commissioners Brown and Montante arrived at 6.05PM
** Commissioner Barlesi on three month Leave of Absence

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I. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS – DE LA CRUZ

Meeting called to order at 6.01 PM.

II. CONSENT ITEMS – DE LA CRUZ

Motion to approve the 6-9-16 Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Blalock  Ayes: 6  Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Fleming  Absent: 5  Abstained: 1

Commissioners Almond, Barlesi (LOA), Brown, Larson, and Montante were absent. Commissioner De La Cruz abstained as Chair. The motion passed.

Motion to approve the 5-12-16 Draft Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Barerra  Ayes: Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner De Leon  Absent: 5  Abstained: 2

Commissioners Almond, Barlesi (LOA), Brown, Larson, and Montante were absent. Commissioner Hernandez abstained due to absence. De La Cruz abstained as Chair. The motion passed.

III. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS WITH SUPERVISORS/TABLING OPPORTUNITIES

Several announcements were moved to coincide with the Women Can Vote! update.

IV. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS – DE LA CRUZ

• Chair De La Cruz reported there was on vacancy in each of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Districts.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – DE LA CRUZ

• No members of the public addressed the Commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speakers – De La Cruz

Representatives from the Sonoma County Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) – Newsletter Editor Marion Aird, and Media Contact Elaine B. Holtz presented a proposed resolution and requested that the Commission submit to the Board as a Gold Resolution (attached to Minutes).

Aird and Holtz also presented verbiage they wished to see the Commission add to its mission statement: “to protect women’s rights to affordable and comprehensive access to reproductive health care and education, which includes choice.”
No action was taken at the time, as the Commission will be reviewing its mission statement at the annual strategic planning session, and the scope of the resolution does not fall within the parameters of a Board of Supervisor Gold Resolution.

Nominations and Elections for the 2016-2017 Term – De La Cruz

Chair De La Cruz read the duties and qualifications of Officers, and then opened nominations for the 2016-2017 term positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Officer-at-Large, to be effective July 1, 2016.

- Commissioner Blalock nominated Commissioner De La Cruz as Chair
  - Commissioner De La Cruz accepted the nomination
- Commissioner Fleming nominated Commissioner Blalock as Vice Chair, and Commissioner De Leon as Officer-at-Large
  - Commissioners Blalock and De Leon accepted their respective nominations

The nominated slate passed unanimously.

2016-2017 Strategic Planning Session – De La Cruz

The Chair led a discussion on the selection of a July or August date for the 2016-2017 annual Strategic Planning Session. Staff to poll Commissioners for two weekends in July. No action was taken.

Women’s Well-Being Index – Brown

Commissioner Brown led a discussion on the California Women’s Well-Being Index – a comprehensive, composite measure of how women are faring in each of the state’s 58 counties. Commissioner Brown suggested the Commission elevate the discussion on some of the issues affecting women and girls. Commissioners agreed to choose an area, conduct some groundwork research, and bring their issue of choice to the July meeting. No action was taken.

Public Comment on the Item

Michelle Denham, Public Health employee indicated there would be more recent data available from Upstream Investments and Health Services. Denham will provide Staff with info.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Women Can Vote! Committee – Blalock
(Blalock, Blanchard, Brown, De Leon)

Commissioner Blalock provide an update on the workshop.

- Venue selected: Santa Rosa High School
- Ad hoc meeting June 17, at 6.00PM at the home of Commissioner Blalock
- Participation at Farmers Market calendared

No action was taken.
Junior Commissioner Project – De La Cruz
(De La Cruz, Fleming)

Chair De La Cruz reported on the presentations made by outgoing Juniors to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Fleming provided an update on the status of the interview process for the 2016-17 term beginning in August.

Motion to move $98.95 from General Funds to the Junior Commissioner Project

- Motion: Commissioner Fleming  Ayes: 8  Noes: 0
- Second: Commissioner Blalock  Absent: 3  Abstained: 1

Commissioners Almond, Barlesi (LOA), and Larson were absent. Commissioner De La Cruz abstained as Chair. The motion passed.

Legislative Affairs Committee
(Barrera, De Leon, Fleming)

Commissioners Barrera, De Leon, and Fleming provided an update on the legislative issues they are following to include:

- Increased funding for Zika virus prevention and research
- Lack of aggregated data on sexual assault reported incidents in Sonoma County
- Support of SB-1079 allowing the Dept. of Justice to manage the CODIS database

Specific details, as well as a report on Sonoma County Sexual Assault Data, are attached to the Minutes. No action was taken.

Marketing Report – Fleming
(Almond, Fleming, Staff)

Commissioner Fleming provided an update on her attempts to begin forming relationships with media contacts. No action was taken.

Administrative Report – Staff

Staff provided a final budget update.

Motion to purchase t-shirts for each Commissioner and spend an additional $1000 on t-shirts to sell at August 27, 2016 event

- Motion: Commissioner Fleming  Ayes: 8  Noes: 0
- Second: Commissioner Brown  Absent: 3  Abstained: 1

Commissioners Almond, Barlesi (LOA), and Larson were absent. Commissioner De La Cruz abstained as Chair. The motion passed.

Motion to donate proceeds from the sale to the YWCA Safe House

- Motion: Commissioner Fleming  Ayes: 8  Noes: 0
Commissioners Almond, Barlesi (LOA), and Larson were absent. Commissioner De La Cruz abstained as Chair. The motion passed.

VIII. ACTIVITY REPORTS

Program development updates not included for possible Commission action under Old or New Business sections above. Reports are limited to five minutes except where noted.

Community Issues, Liaisons, and Coordinators

- Elder Abuse Prevention – Open
- Field Trip Coordinator – On hold; will discuss at strategic planning
- Human Trafficking Task Force – De La Cruz provided update; referring Commissioner Blalock when De La Cruz steps down
- Speaker Coordinator – No speakers scheduled in immediate future

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – DE LA CRUZ

Attendance Report

Attached.

Budget Report

Discussed under Administrative Update

Correspondence

Electronically distributed prior to meeting.

X. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

1) Strategic planning
2) Proposed language from Sonoma County Chapter of NOW
3) Report out on Women’s Well-Being Index

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair De La Cruz at 8.06PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Cunha, Deputy Clerk
Hi Tracy,

Of course. Last night we discussed the following:

1. The need for increased funding for Zika virus prevention and research. We discussed sending a letter to our federal representatives (Thompson and Huffman) and writing an Op-Ed piece.
2. Lack of aggregated data on sexual assault reported incidents in Sonoma County. We discussed possibly posting a report of findings and writing an Op-Ed piece.
3. We submitted a letter of support for SB-1079. This bill would allow the Department of Justice to manage the CODIS Hit Outcome Project database that would enable agencies to share confidential information about the outcomes of DNA matches.

I should be able to get the crime stats to you by tomorrow.

Lorena and Victoria – I may have missed something so feel free to add to the list above!

Thanks!

Ariana
Sonoma County Sexual Assault Data
as of 6/12/2016

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