Durham Women’s Commission

February 26, 2018

Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:**

Briana Van Stekelenburg, Tamika McRae, Dorreen Johnson, Joy Spencer, Zion Tankard, Vivian Slade, Olivia Horton, Kim Cameron, Shauna Johnson, Stephanie Forman

**Commissioners Absent**: Brenda Blue, Vivian Slade, Reube Holmes, Cecilia Polanco (EX), Milicia Tedder (EX), Anna Davis (EX), Leilani Morgan

Chair Tankard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Chair Tankard requested a tentative date change for the DCWC May meeting. The move was to change the date from May 28 to May 29, 2018. There were no objections.

Chair Tankard mentioned the DCWC presentation to county commissioners will be in August. Official date TBA.

Approval of January 2018 meeting minute’s motion by Commissioner Spencer. Commissioner Horton seconded this motion.

**Break out session:**

Chair Tankard called a break out session at 6:15pm. During this breakout session, Laura Martin (Executive Director Dress for Success) and Ms. Risley (Program Director Dress for Success) to meet with the members of the Pay Equity workshop scheduled for October 2018 committee to discuss planning for this event. Commissioners Cameron, Forman, Horton, Van Steklenburg joined the session to discuss details for the event. Presentation on event details will be given at March 2018 DCWC meeting.

**Steering Committee**

There was no information presented from the steering committee at this time. Chair Tankard mentioned the level of involvement women have had since the latest mass shooting in a Florida High School. There is a rally for Mother’s Against Gun Violence. These mothers are working together to get better gun control.

Commissioner Spencer mentioned that more women are running for office nationally. Out of 400 people that are, registered Democrats 50% are women and 50 % are African American. (Non-partisan conversation) She also mentioned that NCCU’s Women’s Health Day is coming up in March. Chair Tankard was aware of this event. Flier will be sent. We will look into participating in NCCU’s Women’s Health Day in the future. Commissioner McRae states she did not want to join the steering committee but she will keep her eyes opened for things surrounding women worldwide.

**Treasurer Report**

Commissioner Spencer presented paper ballots to vote on DCWC memorabilia and sponsoring a table for WomenNC event March 8th for $200. Commissioner Spencer reminded us of the current balance $819. The memorabilia will help to let people know we are in the community.

7:50pm- Cicely Mitchell- President CEO of Art of Cool Project -presented on the history of AOC. Gave remarks of being a woman in a male dominated field as a promoter and festival owner. AOC is celebrating it’s 5th year. Festival will be held April 2018. Tickets are available for purchase through Eventbrite.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Johnson announced her current engagement

Commissioner Spencer announced the birth of her baby girl due June 2018

Chair Tankard adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm