Durham Women’s Commission

March 25, 2019

Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:**

Zion Tankard,Kim Cameron, Ruebe Holmes, Brianna Van Stekelenburg, Patti Black, Aquaris Moore-Anderson, Tamika McRae, Milicia Tedder, Sarah Bausch, Elizabeth Morrell

Guests: Jada Hester, Amy Jiang, Amelia Steinbach, Jackie Saber, Mary Thompson, Women NC

**Commissioners Absent:** Joy Spencer, Stephanie Forman, Vivian Slade, Shauna Johnson, Olivia Horton, K.D. Ann Welsh, Michelle Laws

Chair Zion Tankard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Chair Report**

Patti Black was introduced as a new member of the Women’s Commission.

The Local to Global Event was on February 28th. The honorary plaque was presented to Women NC by Commissioners Tankard, Laws, Cameron and Slade.

Discussion on moving DCWC meeting space to 414 E. Main St. HHS, 2nd Floor Conference Room A. Motion to meet this fiscal year at the Health and Human Services Building made by Commissioner Moore-Anderson; seconded by Commissioner Bausch; Motion carried.

**Vice-Chair Report**

The location for the April and May Financial Forums will be at Self Help.

The Eventbrite invitation is ready to be emailed for the April 27th Forum.

The Women of Color Brunch is on March 30th 9-12 noon and Commissioner Joy Spencer will be introducing Judge Anita Earls on the panel. Commissioner Black will attend as well. DCWC members receive a reduced rate of $20 to attend.

**Treasurer Report:** Commissioner Holmes reported that there is $38.48 in the budget. Discussion on how to spend remainder of budget by the end of the fiscal year. Possibly create flyers listing the reminder of meeting dates for DCWC as well as the date established and the mission.

**CEDAW Committee**

Three Women NC Fellows presented their research: Jada Hester, Amelia Steinbach and Amy Jiang. Jada presented on the racialized wage gap among women in Durham, NC and explored the disparity between nonwhite and white women. Amelia presented on the intersection of intimate partner violence, HIV and Affordable housing in Durham. Amy presented on Durham Public Schools and computer science development in high school for women and people of color.

**Steering Committee Report**

Commissioner Holmes reported that according to foreignpolicy.com, the United States delegates to the UN Commission on the Status of Women has presented a more conservative take on women’s health and protections for LGBTQ individuals. Commissioner Holmes also reported that according to Fox CNBC, there is a motherhood penalty for women that are mothers and it costs $16,000 a year in lost wages. Several factors influence this cost despite women being half the workforce and more educated than ever before.

**January Meeting Minutes**

Minutes not available. Approval of January minutes tabled until next meeting.

**February Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve by Commissioner Moore-Anderson; seconded by Commissioner Van Stekelenburg; motion carried.

**Announcements**

Durham 150 Celebrations throughout the month of April.

Women’s Health Fair- April 2nd 9am-2pm NCCU- Durham, NC

Women of Color Empowerment Brunch- Sat. March 30th 9am- Sheraton Imperial Hotel- RTP.

The next DCWC meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Chair Tankard adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.