**Durham County Women’s Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 28, 2022**

Commissioners Present: Vivian Slade, Ruebe Holmes, Cynthia Bland, Laura Meyers, Tamika McRae, Patrice High, Aquaris Anderson, Tiffani Foster, Courtney Kelly, Cheryl Ann Welsh, Brianna Van Stekelenburg, Tiffany Foster

Commissioners Excused: Jenny Gomez

Commissioners Absent: Kirstyn Allen

Guest: Nicole Thompson; Downtown Durham, INC.

**Welcome- Vivian Slade, Chair**

Vivian opened our meeting with a recent update from the County Commissioners; Vivian and Cynthia went in person to the March 14 meeting and were presented with the Women’s History Month proclamation (there is a video on Youtube!).

**Chair Report- Vivian Slade**

Vivian reminded the Commission that nominations for our new fiscal year (starting July) are upcoming, please consider serving on the nominating committee OR taking on an officer role. Vivian also thanked Courtney and Cynthia for serving on the Nominating Committee last year. The new committee will be established in the April meeting.

**Vice Chair Report- Tiffani Reeves**

Tiffany shared she is excited to serve and thanked all members for voting her into the Vice Chair position. Congrats Tiffani!

**Treasurer’s Report- Kirstyn**

Kirstyn is absent; Vivian reported no change in our current funds.

**Committee Updates**

* Financial Health and Wealth update:
* Post-Pandemic Committee update: 20 responses to the survey so far; all agree to leave it open longer than originally planned to allow for more responses. Vivian can share with Durham County’s e-newsletter “News You Can Use”. Cheryl Ann shared there is also a City of Durham based newsletter, and Ruebe suggested reaching out to the Comms Department of the City to see about distribution.
* DV & SA Committee update: Working on a research document for all resources available to Durham County residents. Committee would like to organize a panel in the early fall to share resources.
* Communications Committee update: Looking into software for Communications- like Linktree for social media. The Commission is now registered with iContact. The Comms committee has mapped out the next quarter for posts and will include the Post-Pandemic survey on all outlets and will send to our Listserv. Vivian will follow up with Ruebe about Sheba’s work, as an evaluation is due to UNC.
* Steering Committee
* Vivian called for all Committees to have some project completion attained by the end of our fiscal year, June 30. And remember it’s the *whole* Commission who helps reach these goals.

**Approve February meeting minutes**

Vivian called for objections; none opposed; February 2022 minutes are approved.

**Guest Speaker Presentation**

Nicole Thompson shared the history, mission, and future of Downtown Durham Inc.

**New Business & Announcements**

Ruebe announced Durham’s down payment rental assistance program, and will add links to the Zoom chat.

Vivian closed the meeting.