**Durham County Women’s Commission Meeting**

**June 27th, 2016**

In attendance: Lisa Gabriel, Rosa Anderson, Kim Cameron, Azillee Thomas, Zion Tankard, Doreen Johnson, Ruebe Holmes, Shauna Johnson, Amy Alspaugh

Absent: Davida Major

No county representation was present.

The meeting is called to order by Commission Tankard at 6:00pm.

Commissioner Alspaugh moves to accept the May meeting minutes, Commissioner Anderson seconds. The motion passes.

Commissioner Anderson motions to accept Commissioner Tankard as chair, Commissioner Holmes seconds. The motion passes

Commissioner Holmes motions to accept Kim Cameron as Vice Chair, Commission Gabriel seconds. The motion passes

Rosa motions to accept Shauna Johnson as Treasurer, Commissioner Doreen Johnson seconds. The motion passes

Nomination for Secretary has been tabled until next month.

Meeting with Michelle Parker-Evans to discuss the commission, she recommended a reevaluation of the bylaws for the Women’s Commission. Commissioner Anderson summarizes the purpose of the commission, see Bylaws for full details.

Commissioner Tankard recommends to creation of a new committee to better inform the Commission of community information - Status of Women Commission. Commissioner Gabriel recommends the newsletter for WomenAdvanceNC as a good source of information (include info here for the website, Amy). It would be collected over the course of the year and would be submitted to the County Commissioners as needed. Commissioner Cameron suggests narrowing the focus on the committee to relevant sub-groupings, such as health and education. Commissioner Tankard suggests collecting a variety of info and discussing them at certain points within the year. Commissioner Anderson suggests focusing on affordable housing/homelessness, food insecurity and women’s mental health. Commissioner Holmes, Shauna Johnson are interested in being on this committee. Commissioner Tankard suggests a report on these findings at the November meeting.

Commissioner Tankard moves to start the Status of Women committee with new members Johnson and Holmes, commission Johnson seconds. The motion is approved.

Commissioner Gabriel suggests having a table at CenterFest (http://centerfest.durhamarts.org) as a good way to raise awareness. Centerfest will be Sept 17-18th in Durham. Commissioner Gabriel will fill out the table application, the cost for non-profits is $100. It will be a good way to advertise the October forum.

Purpose 6 – Developing and maintain a directory of resources available to Durham County Women. Commissioner Cameron suggests this purpose be deleted, as it is not currently being done. Commissioner Tankard suggests that it be tabled for a later time to ensure that all purposes are relevant and correct.

Oct 1st Forum update – Oct 1st, 9-12 at the Self Help building.

Commissioner Alspaugh moves to name forum ‘Women in Leadership’, Commissioner Holmes seconds. The motion carries.

Commissioners Cameron and Gabriel will be in charge of procuring speakers and formatting a program with the assistance of Commissioner Holes and Anderson. What are we looking for in speakers? Challenges and overcoming, how to help other women rise up, pay inequity. Commissioner Holmes suggests doing a specific section on pay equality. Commissioner Cameron suggests a topic of EEOC, including sexual harassment. Topics per Commissioner Cameron – mentoring/raising women in the workforce, equality and challenges.

Need a flyer by next month as well as a marketing plan. Need to engage county re: marketing on social media and the creation of a flyer.

August 1st – presentation to the County Commissioners at 9am. Commissioner Cameron will present on affordable housing in a 10 minute presentation.

Closing remarks/announcements – none.

The committee meeting is adjourned at 6:55.

Next meeting is July 11th. May have new members in attendance. Please don’t forget to wish Commissioner Doreen Johnson a happy belated 24th birthday.