Durham Women’s Commission

January 22, 2017

Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:**

Briana Van Stekelenburg (new member), Tamika McrRae (new member), Reube Holmes, Vivian Slade, Dorreen Johnson, Joy Spencer, Zion Tankard, Melicia Tedder, Olivia Horton, K.D. Ann Welsh, Kim Cameron, Cecilia Polanco, Anna Davis

**Commissioners Absent:** Lelani Morgan, Shauna Johnson, Brenda Blue

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

**Year in Review**

Chair Tankard reviewed the events and accomplishments of the Commission in 2017. An important highlight was the passage of CEDAW. Other events were the 30th Anniversary Luncheon, 2017 Global to Local Event, Durham Women’s March and more.

**Pay Equity Workshop/Dress 4 Success**-The Commission still hopes to partner with Dress for Success this fall to present a workshop for women that focuses on self-advocacy in the workplace such as learning to develop skills to negotiate salaries. “Ask for it, work for it, run for it!”

**30th Anniversary Lunch**

Chair Tankard reiterated what a great event this was for the Commission. There was good attendance including the presence of multiple Commissioners. Raleigh N & O published an article about the event, and Chair Tankard emailed photos to other Commissioners.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer Spencer stated that the budget has $819. She said we did not have to dip into the budget for the 30th Anniversary Luncheon. In fact, the Commission made money from the funds collected. However, these proceeds and the remainder of the budget need to be spent before the end of the fiscal year. The Commission discussed ideas of what to do with the funds. Items mentioned were: pens, lapel pins, lotions, sanitation products, key chains with the Commission logo. Another suggestion was to create packets to give to women’s shelters.

**Upcoming Meetings**-The Commission meeting for April 23 will be moved to 7:00 p.m. due to the Durham County Volunteer Appreciation Event. The Appreciation Event will be held from 5:00-7:00. Refreshments will be served. Each Commissioner will receive a certificate.

**Annual Report:**

Commission needs to vote on the focus topic for this year’s 10-15 presentation before the Commission. Topics suggested: domestic violence, workplace gender inequity/discrimination, human trafficking. The Commission voted to focus on domestic violence and domestic violence prevention. Commissioner Davis will lead this focus. Commissioners Walsh, McCrea, and Van Stekelenburg will assist. Commissioner Davis is out of town on May 7th, the current date and requested a different date.

**Announcements-**

Champions for Change: Formerly homeless individuals will talk about homelessness and partnering with Families Moving Forward.

Commissioner Holmes attended 2nd Annual Women’s March. She noted a diversity of speakers who spoke on women’s rights, pro choice, and LBQT issues. The only Wake County Commissioner who is female is the chair of Wake County Commissioners, Jessica Holmes. She was a powerful speaker.

Commissioner Polanco is the first Latina women just appointed to the Women’s Council.

Lori Gibbs will be honored by the United Negro College Fund at Mask Ball for fundraising organization on February 3rd.

Commissioner Horton announced the upcoming Women NC event on March 8th. Juanita Bryant will be honored. This will be a fundraiser at Hunt Library at NC State. Tickets will be $150.

March is Women’s History Month.

December meeting minutes were accepted.

**UNC Public Policy Student Presentation**

Student fellows presented their research on the topic of “A Gendered and Racial Perspective on Housing and Gentrification in Durham.” The slideshow was emailed on January 23 to the entire Commission.

Co-Chair Tankard adjourned the meeting at 6:03.