

DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2011

6:00pm

County Manager's Conference Room
200 E. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Durham, NC

Present: Rosa Anderson, Clayborne Brooks, Heidi Marks (Vice Chair), Luci McMillan (Chair), Julie Omohundro (Secretary), Carnetta Reid, and Marian Andrews.

Absent: Bridgette Hall, Paula Perez, Robyn Sneeringer, Deborah Wallace, Stephanie Watson (Treasurer)

Call to Order

Chairwoman McMillan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, noting that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No member of the public had requested to comment at the meeting.

Opening Remarks

Chairwoman McMillan asked everyone to briefly state why they had joined the Women's Commission and what they could contribute to moving it forward. She asked Commissioner Omohundro to provide her with a summary of each person's statement separate from the minutes.

Previous Minutes

Commissioner Omohundro read the minutes of the February meeting, noting that she had missed documenting the motion to purchase breakfast for the *Conference on Sexual Violence on Campuses* at the last meeting. She confirmed that Commissioner Brooks had made the motion and Commissioner Anderson had seconded it. With those revisions, Commissioner Marks moved to accept the February minutes; Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Watson was absent and no Treasurer's Report was given.

Old Business

Conference on Sexual Violence on Campuses. Chairwoman McMillan reported that she had attended the planning meeting for this event. The Woman's Commission's name will be listed as a sponsor, and the Human Relations Department provided Chairwoman McMillan with a letter to that effect that she would take to the Clerk's Office. The Women's Commission will purchase breakfast for up to \$500, which will be provided by Blue Coffee Café and would have a table set up at the event. Chairwoman McMillan said she planned to attend and hoped others might be able to attend as well. Vice Chairwoman Marks said she would try to attend for a couple of hours. Commissioner Reid said she also planned to attend for part of the event, which begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is recommended.

New Business

Chairwoman McMillan noted that there were several members who had missed most or all of the meetings for the past year and that it was important that all members attend regularly. The group discussed the policies for attendance, resignation and removal from the Woman's Commission. Chairwoman McMillan will follow up with the Clerk's Office to confirm the current policies.

Chairwoman McMillan reported that the Women's Commission had \$1,100 remaining in the budget. She suggested that the Women's Commission might sponsor an event to honor "Grassroots Moms" in conjunction with Mother's Day. The group concluded that it would be difficult to organize this type of event by Mother's Day. Vice Chairwoman Marks suggested that, given the time remaining in the current budget year, we might select some women to honor without organizing an event, perhaps by making a donation to their favorite local charity. It was noted that the Woman's Commission could not make cash donations, and the purchase of some type of supplies as an in-kind donation was suggested as an alternative.

Commissioners Anderson and Andrews had to leave the meeting at 6:45pm, so the topic was tabled until the next meeting. Chairwoman McMillan asked everyone to think about activities that could be completed between now and June 30 and to send their suggestions to her for consideration at the next meeting.

Pending Business

The following items of business discussed at previous meetings remain to be resolved at a future meeting: ethics training for all members of the Women's Commission, revisions to the DCWC Bylaws, potential collaboration with the Wake County Women's Commission, preparation of a report on the status and needs of the women of Durham County, a Durham county women's resource fair, a Durham county women's forum.

Adjournment

Commission Brooks motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Omohundro seconded the motion, and Chairwoman McMillian adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.