

**MINUTES  
COUNTY OF SONOMA  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

**6.00PM**

**Virtual**

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**Commissioners Present:**

**First District:** Jan Blalock (Chair), Joanne M. Brown (OAL)\*

**Second District:** Caitlin Quinn, Katie Gordon, Julie Shulman

**Third District:** Ofra Isler, Ana Diaz

**Fourth District:** Marta Cruz-Concepción, Gina Fortino Dickson

**Fifth District:** Jessica Wood (Vice Chair)

**Commissioners Absent: Third District:** Amber Lucas (LOA)

**None**

**Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:02PM. Roll call was conducted by the Chair.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice Chair Brown read the land acknowledgement.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

No members of the public addressed the commission.

**4. PRESENTATION**

The Commission received a presentation from Vicki Groninga of Impact 100, Redwood Circle. Their primary purpose is to award impactful grants to the community. Core values are Integrity, Collaboration, Compassion, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Commissioners asked about nominating community organizations for this program. Ms. Groninga also announced a Benefit for the Ukraine, happening on Saturday, July 16, 2022, she invited all to attend.

**5. APPROVAL OF June 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Shulman noted that she did not receive the agenda packet prior to the meeting. Commissioner Gordon offered to forward it to her.

Motion to approve the June 9, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Cruz

Ayes: 6 Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Wood

Absent: 0

Abstained: 3

Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**6. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

- a. Chair Blalock and Commissioners introduced themselves, and welcomed the two new Commissioners , Ana Diaz-Cruz (D3), and Gina Fortino Dickson (D4).
- b. Reminder of Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment training requirements, due July 22 for the current Commissioners and 60 day deadline for the new Commissioners.
- c. Chair Blalock reported on Athena House NOW Zoom meeting June 13. It was an interesting meeting and she emphasized the importance of programs like Athena House being available for women. CSW has been involved with Athena House since its inception through Lynn Woolsey.
- d. Petaluma Night Out tabling update- Chair Blalock reviewed that Commissioner Wood, Shulman, and Fortino Dickson will be in attendance along with her.
- e. Women’s Equality Day- Commissioner Gordon asked about Women’s Equality Day and if there would be representation. Chair Blalock said proclamations were submitted to the Board of Supervisors, City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma, and Cloverdale. Commissioner Fortino Dickson will submit to Town of Windsor.

**7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**8. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Chair Blalock reported that there are openings in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts

**9. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. Chair Blalock announced that the Strategic Planning meeting will be held in place of the normal meeting on August 11, from 5-8pm. She asked that Commissioners submit their proposals for projects for this fiscal year. She will send an email with a template for the work plan, and deadline to submit for the agenda. She asked Commissioners to be realistic by recommending projects with attainable goals. All Commissioners are required to participate in at least one ad-hoc or project.
- b. Commissioner Wood reviewed the CSW sponsorship opportunity for the fundraising event for the Athena House on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is a \$500 sponsorship, and she said it would also be a great marketing opportunity for the Commission, as they will be using the logo in all of their marketing materials.  
Motion to Approve \$500 Sponsorship: Commissioner Wood  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Commissioner Cruz  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes All

**10. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Commissioners to provide reports and/or updates about the work being done by their ad hoc committee(s) and/or project committee(s).

- a. Impact of COVID-19 on Women in the Workforce- Nothing to report
- b. Junior Commission on the Status of Women-Commissioner Isler reported that the Orientation meeting will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> via zoom. A survey will be going out to the Junior Commissioners about their interest in Ad Hoc. She asked if anyone would like to help on the Commission, or be a mentor, please contact her. Commissioner Cruz requested a list of the Junior Commissioners.
- c. Sonoma County Spirit Award Project-Commissioner Quinn said the project is ready to be launched. Theme is a, "A Rising Tide Will Lift All Boats". The deadline to submit will be August 31, 2022.
- d. Voices of Sonoma County Women: COVID-19 Pandemic Edition. Commissioner Gordon reported that the Center for the Advancement of Women is working on analysis of the data. The American Community Survey will be released in September, and it will be added to the report.
- e. Gender Equity ad hoc- CEDAW Resolution- Commissioner Gordon reported that she has reached out to Marissa Montenegro with the Board, but there is nothing happening with it at this time.

#### **11. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS**

Commissioners to provide brief updates or ideas on the following:

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) did not have anything to report.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force : Chair Blalock expressed difficulty getting any response from Sonoma County Transit regarding bus back advertising. Commissioner Cruz offered to reach out to the SCT Director.
- c. The Legislative Advisory Group reported under Impact of Covid-19 on Women in the Workforce updates. No further updates.
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Nothing to report.
- e. YWCA had nothing to report.

#### **12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

Strategic Planning Meeting August 11, 2022

Commissioner Wood reported that she will be planning the meeting topics for the next six months. She asked for thoughts, ideas, speakers, and suggestions from the commissioners.

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM