

Howard County Commission for Women
9830 Patuxent Woods Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21046
November 12, 2019

Members Present

Kashonna Holland, Chair
Meg Boyd, Vice-Chair
Farida Guzdar
Rhonda Jones
Maxine Kellman-Allen
Dianne Paulus
Lanlan Xu
Phyllis Zolotorow

Members Absent

Jessica Epps
Judy Zhou

Staff Present

Cheryl Mattis, Executive Secretary

Staff Absent

Guests Present

Call to Order:

With a quorum present, the CFW meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Approval of September minutes:

A motion was made to review the October minutes, date of November meeting was updated to November 11, 2019. This motion was seconded and minutes were approved as adjusted.

Chair's Report:

Speaker Series

- Agreement was reached that speakers will have from 7:00 – 8:00 with the business meeting from 8:00 – 9:00 for the months with speakers (January, May and June)
- Kashonna Holland agreed to draft a letter to potential speakers to outline the event, timing, expectations, etc.
- Update on speakers:
 - Economic (January) – Lanlan Xu is finalizing the speaker and will send an invite with details
 - Social (May) – Phyllis Zolotorow is researching 1 or 2 speakers to address mental health issues
 - Political (June) – Approach for political speaker session is being re-addressed as the planned approach was not approved. Speaker approach will be finalized after attending the MLAW Conference (Meg Boyd, Kashonna Holland and Rhonda Jones to attend). Meg Boyd and Dianne Paulus to reach out to intended invitees to thank them for their interest.

Committee Reports/Updates

Feminine Hygiene Drive

- Meg Boyd and Rhonda Jones to develop wording to summarize the FHD approach for the year and the need for donations to the Correction Facility. This will be used to educate at events and publicize on social media.

- Upcoming event at the Great Challah Bake on December 5 sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard Company will collect product for the drive. Kashonna Holland will attend to thank the sponsors and get photos of the event for social media.

Women's Hall of Fame application process and marketing

- Activities related to the HOF event are on track. Additional emails and social media outreach will continue, including countdown to deadlines.
- Commissions are encouraged to continue to advertise the call for nominations.
- An extension of the deadline to December 5 was approved due to challenging timing with the holidays.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Speaker Series Logo

Logo is being worked on and will be finalized shortly in time for advertising the January speaker.

Events Updates

- Human Trafficking Prevention event was very successful, and a permanent coordinating council has been approved. The Women's Commission will continue to have a seat on this council
- Champions of Change conference - December 4
- Homeless Person Memorial Day – December 20
- Census.Maryland.gov is live and commissioners are encouraged to review and share, focusing on the drive to ensure underserved populations are included in the census

New Business:

- Maryland Commission for Women Visit - December 10th meeting

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and all present were in favor and the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted by Dianne Paulus

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2019.