



## Fairfax County Commission for Women

The commission's charge is to **promote the full equality** of **women** and **girls** in the county.



### Commission for Women Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> September 8, 2014	<b>Time:</b> 7:17 – 9:30 pm	<b>Location:</b> Government Center, Room 232
<b>Meeting Commenced</b>	Chair Bhatnagar called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.	
<b>Commissioners Present</b>	Cynthia Bhatnagar, Chair, Mason; Sondra Seba Hemenway, Vice Chair, At-Large; Emily McCoy, Lee; Mattie Palmore, Minority At-Large; Maria Vorel, Mount Vernon; Binh Nguyen, Dranesville; Barbara Lippa, Sully; Jeanie F. Jew, Springfield; Julia T. Boone, Hunter Mill	
<b>Commissioners Absent</b>	Miriam Swydan Erickson, Providence	
<b>Parliamentarian</b>		
<b>Recorder</b>	Michelle Mueller	
<b>Staff Present</b>	Michelle Mueller; Ina Fernández	
<b>Guests</b>	Kristin Talman, Centreville High School	
<b>1. Approval of June Minutes</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the June minutes.	
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. Vorel moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Lippa seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.	
<b>2. Retirement of Nancy Krakover from the Commission</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar announced that Ms. Krakover had resigned from the Commission.	
<b>3. Friends of the Commission Update</b>		
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar reported that the Friends had met, and she had briefed them on the Commission and on teen sex	

	trafficking. She reported that they were currently seeking insurance for the Friends board, and Ms. McCoy made a recommendation. The next Friends meeting will be on September 9.
<b>4. NACW Conference Report</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Vorel reported on the July 2014 NACW Conference. She reported that the conference was very useful and that about 200 people attended. She reported that NACW had just completed strategic planning, and that a mid-Atlantic regional meeting was discussed. In 2015 the conference will be in Indianapolis. Some activities reported by other commissions included a database of followers, collecting data on women, and Women's Equality Day.
<b>5. Biennial Report</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Mueller shared a draft of the layout of the Biennial Report.
<b>6. Turning Point Suffragist Memorial/Video</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. McCoy reported that Channel 16 had completed a suffragist video in 2013, and so were currently offering to do a 5 minute magazine segment and/or a 3 minute promo. Ms. McCoy felt that a new half hour program was still warranted.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. McCoy agreed to distribute a proposal for the new video to Commissioners one week prior to the October meeting. Ms. Mueller will email Commissioners the link to view the 2013 video.
<b>7. Workplace Violence Policy</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. McCoy reported that Sandy Bromley had convened a meeting of the DVPPCC outreach and training committees. The group plans to develop a tip sheet for employers about what their workplace violence policy should include in terms of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. It will refer employers to other resources if they need to develop a policy. Ms. McCoy and other members of the outreach committee will then work to get the information out through Chambers of Commerce and other venues.
<b>8. Rep. Moran's Women's Conference</b>	

<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar reported that she would distribute materials at a table at the Moran conference on September 13.
<b>9. Student Representative</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Mueller reported that the link for the Student Representative application had been placed on the CFW website, and asked Commissioners to inform anyone who could help interest potential applicants. Ms. Mueller reported that she had provided the information to high schools and colleges, County Supervisors and School Board members.
<b>10. FY 2015 CFW Budget</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Commissioners reviewed the draft budget prepared by Ms. Mueller. Ms. Mueller pointed out that the budget lines are flexible, and only the total is fixed for the year.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. McCoy moved to shift \$2000 in the proposed budget from the conference/travel line to the projects line. Ms. Vorel seconded the motion, which failed with six no votes, one yes vote (Ms. Nguyen) and two abstentions (Ms. McCoy and Ms. Vorel).  Vice Chair Hemenway moved to approve the draft budget. Ms. Lippa seconded the motion, which passed with eight yes votes and one abstention (Ms. Nguyen).
<b>11. Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliations</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the May, June, July and August financial reports.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Vice Chair Hemenway moved to approve the financial reports and bank reconciliations. Ms. Boone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
<b>12. Report on Meeting on County Economic Plan</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Lippa reported that she attended the meeting on the County Economic Plan for members of Boards and Commissions. There was an opportunity to vote electronically for priorities, but most of the questions were very general and they were not provided in advance. She was able to show support for affordable housing, which has been a priority for the Commission.  Ms. Lippa asked Ms. Mueller to forward the link to the

	County Economic Plan.
<b>13. Human Trafficking</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Ms. Boone reported that several Commissioners had been able to attend a meeting of the Just Ask workgroup. Just Ask would like to form into a nonprofit foundation, and would like the Commission to take a leading role in the new board. Ms. Boone and Ms. Mueller had been asked to sign the engagement letter indicating that the Commission would commit to providing support to create the new foundation. The foundation’s mission would be to expand and institutionalize the human trafficking prevention efforts of the Just Ask partners.</p> <p>Ms. Mueller distributed information about Shared Hope International’s Just Conference on Human Trafficking, to take place in DC on November 7-8. The registration fee is \$220 per person, and the deadline is October 1. Commissioners asked Ms. Mueller to inquire whether two Commissioners could split a registration over the two days. Four Commissioners indicated that they would like to attend both days, and four indicated that they would attend one day. Six registrations would be needed if Commissioners could split a registration.</p> <p>Ms. Boone asked for suggestions of venues to show a film on trafficking. Commissioners suggested the Board Auditorium, Fairfax City Hall, Lorton Workhouse, James Lee Community Center, and Alden Theater.</p> <p>Ms. Nguyen stated that she would join the Human Trafficking Committee.</p>
<b>Conclusions</b>	<p>Ms. Boone moved that the Commission authorize herself and Ms. Mueller to sign the engagement letter pledging the Commission’s involvement in the Just Ask Foundation. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Vorel asked that Ms. Boone encourage Just Ask to include men’s groups in their structure.</p> <p>Ms. Vorel moved that the Commission sponsor an information table on behalf of Just Ask for up to \$220. Ms. Boone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Vice Chair Hemenway moved to purchase six registrations for \$1320. Ms. Boone seconded the motion, which passed</p>

	<p>unanimously.</p> <p>Vice Chair Hemenway moved to extend the meeting to 9:25 pm. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Boone moved to extend the meeting to 9:30 pm. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p>
<b>14. Community Reports</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	<p>Ms. Vorel reported that the new requirement for photo ID in order to vote is going to be problematic for many in the community. Ms. Palmore reported that the Women’s Group of Mt. Vernon would again hold its Grand Day during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, on October 25.</p>
<b>Additional Meeting Information</b>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<p>Ms. Palmore moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Vorel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.</p>
<b>Materials Distributed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission Meeting Notice and Agenda for September 8, 2014</li> <li>• Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2014</li> <li>• Student Representative flyer</li> <li>• Student Representative Committee meeting notes</li> <li>• Proposed FY 2015 Commission Budget</li> <li>• Letter from County CFO regarding submission of contributory funding request</li> <li>• Commission Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliations for May, June, July and August 2014</li> <li>• Just Ask July meeting notes</li> <li>• Summary of possible Commission trafficking activities</li> <li>• Engagement letter regarding creation of Just Ask Foundation</li> <li>• Just Conference registration information</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>October 6, 2014 at 7:15 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, conference room 232.</p>

