



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

Date: November 12, 2014	Time: 7:26 – 9:35 pm	Location: Government Center, Room 8
Meeting Commenced	Chair Bhatnagar called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm.	
Commissioners Present	Cynthia Bhatnagar, Chair, Mason; Sondra Seba Hemenway, Vice Chair, At-Large; Emily McCoy, Lee; Miriam Swydan Erickson, Providence; Barbara Lippa, Sully; Laura Sizemore, Student Representative; Kathryn Winters, Springfield	
Commissioners Absent	Binh Nguyen, Dranesville; Mattie Palmore, Minority At-Large; Maria Vorel, Mount Vernon; Julia T. Boone, Hunter Mill	
Vacant Seats	Braddock District	
Recorder	Michelle Mueller	
Staff Present	Ina Fernández and Michelle Mueller	
1. Farewell to Retiring Commissioner		
	Former Chair Jeanie Jew and her husband Bob Jew said good-bye and were thanked by the Commission for their efforts.	
2. Introduction of New Commissioners		
	Chair Bhatnagar asked the new Commissioners to introduce themselves: Laura Sizemore, Student Representative and Katie Winters, Springfield District. Commissioners welcomed them and introduced themselves.	
3. Speaker: Teresa Belcher, Director of DVAC		
	Ms. Belcher discussed the Domestic Violence Action Center, the federally funded co-located domestic violence	

	<p>services center located at the Old Courthouse. It currently includes eleven agencies, seven nonprofits and four county agencies. DVAC served 964 people in FY 2014, up from 594 the previous year.</p> <p>Zonta Club has taken responsibility for the DVAC food pantry. Donations for the clothing closet can be brought to the Government Center. DVAC is in need of gift card donations from Target, grocery stores, etc. Donations can also be made through A Way Forward.</p>
4. Approval of October Minutes	
Discussion	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the October minutes.
Conclusions	<p>Ms. Lippa corrected the minutes to reflect Zonta Club of Fairfax rather than Zonta International.</p> <p>Ms. Hemenway moved to approve the corrected minutes, and Ms. McCoy seconded the motion. Three voted to approve the minutes and three abstained: Ms. Hemenway, Ms. Sizemore and Ms. Winters.</p>
5. Approval of September and October Financial Reports	
Discussion	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the October minutes.
Conclusions	Ms. McCoy moved to approve the corrected minutes, and Ms. Hemenway seconded the motion. Four voted to approve the minutes and Ms. Sizemore and Ms. Winters abstained.
6. 2015 Meeting Schedule	
Discussion	Ms. Mueller distributed the 2015 meeting schedule.
7. Friends of the Commission Update	
Discussion	Ms. Bhatnagar reported that the Friends would be electing board members at their November 13 meeting, though she would not be able to attend. Ms. Mueller agreed to attend.
8. AAUW On the Go Segment	
Discussion	Ms. Bhatnagar reported that the interview for the AAUW's cable access show went well. She did not know when it would air, but the producers agreed to mail a DVD of the

	show.
9. Human Trafficking	
Discussion	<p>Ms. Bhatnagar reported that she, Ms. Hemenway, Ms. Palmore and Ms. Mueller attended the Just Conference on human trafficking and learned a great deal. Ms. Mueller distributed her notes from the sessions she attended.</p> <p>Ms. Mueller reported that the Just Ask effort to become a foundation was moving along quickly, and that they would hold their first board meeting on November 19.</p> <p>Ms. Mueller reported that the Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation had been drafted and that Kyra Beckman of Spartans Against Human Trafficking at West Springfield High School had agreed to accept the proclamation on January 13.</p> <p>Ms. Bhatnagar reported that there would be a meeting of the Human Trafficking Committee at noon on December 1 at the Government Center.</p>
10. NACW Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting	
Discussion	Ms. Mueller reported that the NACW regional meeting would be held on November 14, and that she and Ms. Vorel would attend.
11. Biennial Report Update	
Discussion	Ms. Mueller reported that she would distribute copies of the Biennial Report to members of the Board of Supervisors, and Commissioners could follow up with their Supervisors.
12. Channel 16 Suffragist Video	
Discussion	Ms. McCoy explained that the Commission is waiting for a response by Channel 16 to the Commission's proposal.
13. Workplace Violence Policy	
Discussion	Ms. McCoy reported that the planning group will meet again on to work on the workplace violence policy tip sheet for employers.
14. Student Representative Selection	

Discussion	<p>Ms. Lipa reported that the Student Representative selection process had gone well. Of thirty applicants, nine were interviewed. The committee selected Laura Sizemore from Lake Braddock Secondary School as the Student Representative.</p> <p>Ms. Sizemore was pleased to be selected and looks forward to working as part of the Commission. She is interested in working on human trafficking and helping young people better understand local government.</p>
15. Community Reports	
Discussion	<p>Ms. Bhatnagar reported that she met with Dan Colon of Artemis House along with Jaleh Moslehi of the Friends of the Commission for Women. Shelter House, which administers Artemis House, offered to distribute information from the Commission and collect donated phones. They are interested in having a domestic violence event with the Friends.</p> <p>Ms. McCoy reported that she had been meeting as part of Supervisor McKay's budget committee.</p>
Additional Meeting Information	
Meeting Adjourned	The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.
Materials Distributed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Meeting Notice and Agenda for November 12, 2014 • Meeting Minutes for October 2014 • Financial Reports for September and October 2014 • DVAC flyer and information sheet • 2015 Meeting Calendar and Snack Schedule • Human Trafficking Awareness Month draft proclamation • Report from the Just Conference on Human Trafficking
Next Meeting	December 8, 2014 at 7:15 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, conference room 232.