



MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
December 6, 2022
Lawton City Hall - 1st Floor Banquet Room
212 SW 9th Street

I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: 12:02

Present: Melody Scott, Charise Walker, Dana Parrish, Danielle Brewer, Ginny Sahler, Luanne Gallagher, Maria Meredith, U. Lisa Williams, Cheryl Tate, Patricia Williams, Dani Blackburn, Sarah Woods, Christina Woodson,

Absent: Brandi Thomas, Dobanney Scott, Bernita Taylor, Rebekah Pullicar, Jean Peterson

14 Commissioners present, quorum established

II INVOCATION: Stella Maxwell - Fully Loaded Women

III GUESTS: Welcome guests

IV BUSINESS:

- A) **MINUTES:** Consider approval of the November 29, 2022 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women minutes.

- a) Motion to approve minutes as presented: M. Scott
- b) Second: M. Meredith
- c) Any further discussion or debate: None
- d) S. Woods called the roll: 11 Y, 0 N. Motion carries

- B) **FINANCIALS:** Nothing new to report since last week. (Financials on file with City Clerk's office)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: No action needed.

- C) **MCSW STRATEGIC PLAN 2022/23:** Consider approval of MCSW Strategic Plan 2022/23

- a) Chairwoman Woodson reminded the Commission that we have previously discussed the strategic plan. S. Woods asked about the metrics we discussed potentially adding at the November regular meeting. Woodson explained this is the immediate action that the commission hopes to achieve by the end of our fiscal year, which is June 20, 2023, that larger goals should be discussed with the Steering Committee and 5-Year Strategic Plan committee.
- b) During discussion, Brandi Thomas entered the meeting. 15 Commissioners are now present.
- c) Motion to approve MCSW Strategic Plan: M. Meredith
- d) Second: D. Brewer
- e) Any further discussion or debate: None
- f) S. Woods called the roll: 13 Y, 0 N. Motion Carries

- D) **WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS BANQUET:** Discuss and take necessary action on WOTY Proposal

- a) Chairwoman Woodson presents a proposal to postpone the Woman of the Year Banquet, discusses the need to obtain quotes for services needed for a banquet next year in order to request adequate funding, and consider hosting an alternative educational event this year in lieu of the banquet.
- b) Motion to approve the WOTY Proposal: U. Williams
- c) Second: D. Parrish

- d) Any further discussion of debate: S. Woods expressed her concern that since we no longer have any Covid measures holding us back and that our bylaws state that we will have the event, as well as most of the commissioners now have not hosted one and by next year those that have will have termed out, that we should continue to have the event. G. Sahler inquired how we are allocated our budget and how in the past have we put on the event with such a small budget. Woods explained that former Commissioner Vera Oldham donated all the food, and other Commissioners had community contacts that would donate other services. D. Blackburn answered that we are allocated our budget by the Mayor, and that she believes we should prepare a budget for the next year based upon estimated expenditures not considering donations. P. Williams voiced concern that if we did have the event she wouldn't want the award recipients to feel like it was thrown together for them when it has been executed grandly in the past. D. Brewer added that she has event experience and believes we could put something very nice together even if the planning period is short. C. Walker chimed that we could consider having a presentation at Council to save costs and planning troubles. More discussion follows regarding options we could take if we still had the event. M. Meredith voices that she sees both sides. U. Williams voices concern that there is a motion on the floor to approve to postpone but there is discussion to not postpone. D. Blackburn states that although that is the motion the floor isn't closed for debate, and that Commissioners may vote down the motion.
- e) Chairwoman Woodson closes the floor for discussion.
- f) S. Woods calls the roll:
 - i) 3 Yeas: M. Scott, D. Parrish, C. Tate
 - ii) 6 Nays: C. Walker, B. Thomas, D. Brewer, G. Sahler, M. Meredith, D. Blackburn
 - iii) 3 Abstains: L. Gallagher, U. Williams, P. Williams
- g) Motion fails.

V REPORTS:

OFFICERS:

- **CHAIRPERSON:** Christina Woodson- Exciting news!! Teams are coming together, beginning to meet and making progress! Be sure that you are signed up on at least one team-join the fun!!
- **FIRST VICE CHAIR:** Charise Walker - Send around WOTY sign up sheet
- **SECOND VICE CHAIR:** Maria Meredith - Nothing new to report
- **TREASURER:** Brandi Thomas - Nothing new to report
- **RECORDING/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Dani Blackburn- Nothing new to report
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Sarah Woods- Nothing new to report

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Patricia Williams - Verbal meeting update on Board Buddies and Member Notebooks. Membership team SOP under way.
- **PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA:** Cheryl Tate - please be sure to like our page and share it! and Invite others to like the page!
- **EDUCATION:** Charise Walker- Nothing new to report
- **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY:** Dana Parrish- **Presentation for December will be on Tuesday December 6 @ 2:00.** We will be recognizing David Tyler - aka Santa. He travels anywhere he is asked and gives gifts to children. He does not accept money for his travel or events. Most gifts are paid for from his own pocket with few exceptions. He has been playing Santa and bringing joy to small children since the mid 80's.
- **SUITS FOR SUCCESS:** Luanne Gallagher- **Suits for Success meeting will be 12/12/22 at Noon at MIGHT Center**
- **5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:** OPEN- Dr. Lankford has given us access to the survey that was created last year. We need someone to chair this team that is willing to oversee the survey process.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Brandi Thomas- Meeting held 11/29/2022 Attendance: Brandi Thomas, Danielle Brewer, Ulisa Williams and Christina Woodson. The committee reviewed the primary initiatives of the 1-year Strategic Plan (Membership, Mission, and Image) and discussed some long-term goals for MCSW. **Action**

items: 1) Bring the MCSW Ordinance to the next meeting to present to all members for a better understanding of the creation and purpose of the committee. 2) Establish a post-meeting forum at City Hall for commissioners to be available and accessible to hear from citizens in the community on issues affecting women. **Next meeting will be 12/13 at 5:00 pm at Hilton Garden Inn.**

- **BYLAWS:** Sarah Woods, Maria Meredith, Dani Blackburn- **Next bylaws review meeting will be 12/23/22 at Noon at Atlanta Bread.**
- **NOMINATING:** Sarah Woods- Nothing new to report.

VI Announcements:

- **Next Meeting: January 24, 2023**
- **Outstanding Citizen of Comanche County Presentation - Glen Gatling. Date to be announced.**

VII Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: B. Thomas

Second: G. Sahler

S. Woods called the roll: 12 Y 0N. Meeting adjourned at 12:57

Minutes submitted December 13, 2022

Dani Blackburn, Secretary