



MINUTES

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (MCSW)

Monthly Meeting – Tuesday January 8, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall 212 SW 9th Street Lawton, OK 73501

Members Present: Rebecca McKeown, Alice Combs, Lucy Laird, Patsy Hackworth, Dr. Chearlene Glover-Johnson, Amy Ewing-Holmstrom, Christi Chambers and Jenny Clement.

Absent: Katie Noffske, Heather Clement and Brandi Jones.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER-** The meeting was called to order at 12:07p.m. January 8, 2013 by Chairperson Christi Chambers.
- II. **Consider Approval of the December 4, 2012 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women Minutes.** **ACTION:** Dr. Chearlene Glover-Johnson moved to approve the December 4, 2012 MCSW Meeting Minutes; Patsy Hackworth second the motion. Motion was passed by the Committee.
- III. **Discuss the Bus Pass opportunity for women in need of transportation- Patsy Hackworth-** Patsy Hackworth brought forward that the commission should consider either purchasing or seeking sponsorship for the purchase of Lawton Area Transit System (LATS) bus passes for women in need of transportation who are seeking employment. Christi Chambers added that we should first meet with LATS to see if they would be supportive. Lucy Laird added that she had briefly visited with Gary Rushing the General Manager of LATS and said he would be interested in hearing more about our program. Both Patsy Hackworth and Lucy Laird will attempt to meet with Gary Rushing to seek sponsorship or more information on the Bus Pass opportunity prior to the February 5, 2013 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women monthly meeting.
- IV. **Feedback from Housewives of Comanche County- Patsy Hackworth.** Patsy Hackworth stated that more than three hundred women attended this event, she requested that Amy Ewing-Holmstrom brief the Commission about this event, since Amy Ewing-Holmstrom was the Commission member who worked the booth at the event. Amy Ewing-Holmstrom stated that although there was great turn out in attendance, the individuals who were not interested in registering to vote or hearing more about the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women. Rather attendees were seeking free items, discounts or jewelry to purchase. Amy Ewing-Holmstrom stated that the vendors would be great partners, however the event did not meet the needs of the Commissions Mission or intention of attending this event.



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- V. **Status of Suits for Success-** Amy Ewing Holmstrom- Dr. Chearlene Glover-Johnson reported on her meeting with Ron Smith the owner of Mega Cleaners in Lawton Oklahoma. Dr. Chearlene Glover-Johnson stated the Mega Cleaners requested information on the program, Ron Smith had three specific questions; what is the purpose of the program, number of estimated suits and alterations do we expect and that Mega Cleaners cannot hold a large inventory. Therefore who is the point of contact for pick up on behalf of the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women. Alice Combs offered her time to do small alterations on quality suites. The Commission briefly discussed the logistics of how we want to handle the types of clothing that is donated. A future time would be set to clean and organize the storage facility by Amy Ewing Holmstrom. Amy Ewing Holmstrom has also set up an email address for the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women; mayorscommission@aol.com. The Commission also discussed the ideas that when donations are received and non-necessary items or unprofessional items are received we donate them to the Women's Shelter here in Lawton Oklahoma.
- VI. **Comanche County Women of the Year –** Christi Chambers asked for the Commission to meet at another time to finalize the details of the Comanche County Women of the year event. A future committee meeting was set for January 15, 2013 at noon. Lucy Laird is responsible for scheduling a meeting room at City Hall.
- VII. **Update Commission Members contact information-** Christi Chambers asked for all in attendance to put their current contact information on a sheet to be passed around.
- VIII. **REPORTS:**
- A. **CHAIRPERSON-** Christi Chambers brought forward the resignation from Karen Woodward.
 - B. **FIRST VICE CHAIRPERSON-** Dr. Chearlene Glover-Johnson updated the Commission on the status of the website. Dr. Chearlene Glover-Johnson also asked that we visit with the Interim City Manager, Brian Long, to see about adding a link on the City of Lawton website to the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women website.
 - C. **SECOND VICE CHAIRPERSON-** Vacant
 - D. **TREASURER—** Patsy Lively- Hackworth reported IBC bank account balance of \$1,538.60 and the City of Lawton available balance is \$2,400.00.
 - E. **PARLIAMENTARIAN-** Rebecca McKeown had nothing to add.
 - F. **PUBLICITY-** Amy Ewing Holmstrom briefly visited about the Comanche County Women of the Year application and asked for recommendations.
 - G. **EDUCATION-** Vacant
 - H. **HISTORIAN-** Vacant



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- I. OUTSTANDING CITIZEN- Lucy Laird to visit with the City Clerk office to understand the process of ensuring that the Outstanding Citizen is on the Agenda for a City Council meeting.
- IX. **Old Business-**No old business was discussed.
- X. **NEW BUSINESS-** Anyone having an item of business to present to the MCSW Commission that does not appear on the agenda please do so at this time- The Commission brought it forward that we need consider making it easier to complete the documentation for Nomination form for Comanche County Women of the Year.