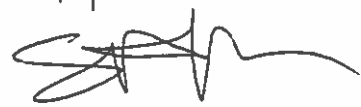


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City of Fort Collins
Women's Commission Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015
6:30 – 8:30 p.m
Police Services (2221 S. Timberline Road) Community Room

The City of Fort Collins Women's Commission promotes decisions and actions that address the needs and positively impact women in our community. We do this by listening to the voice of women, advising city council, promoting community events, and educating ourselves and others about safety, health and poverty as they relate to the City of Fort Collins seven Key Strategic Outcomes.

Attendees: Molly Alderton, Liz Donovan, Catherine Douras, Lea Hanson, Huston Morse, Stacia Ryder, Annette Zacharias, Ginny Carroll
Staff Liaison: Suzanne Jarboe-Simpson

I. Call to Order Call to Order Chair Ryder called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

II. Guests

- Bev Thurber – Early Childhood Council
- Ann Lance – Teaching Tree
- Brittiany and Aaron Hoagland, community members

III. Approve minutes regular meeting, September 16, 2015

Douras moved to approve the September meeting minutes. It was seconded by Hanson. The motion passed with no discussion.

**IV. Guest Speaker – Alison Friedman - Women's Foundation of Colorado
Child Care Affordability in Colorado**

<http://www.wfco.org/pages/content/child-care-affordability-research>

A. Introduction

- i. Research
- ii. Public Policy Advocacy

B. Presentation

- i. Cost of Care - high quality care is very expensive
- ii. Wide range throughout the state, but some of the highest costs in the country

- iii. A primary factor is personnel costs, even though the workers do not earn much more than minimum wage
- iv. Particularly out of reach for single mothers
- v. CCCAP funding for childcare by county

C. Recommendations

- i. Expand access to the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP)
- ii. Invest in and expand other statewide and local initiatives that support families' child care needs (Boulder, Pitkin and other counties have models, tax initiatives)
- iii. Expand federal investments in child care affordability
- iv. Provide incentives for businesses to adopt family-friendly practices that help employees address child care needs
- v. Explore innovative practices to improve efficiency and help families afford child care costs
- vi. Provide families with accessible information on child care options and sources of assistance

D. Next Steps

- i. Women's Foundation 2015/2016 Community Investments
 1. Colorado Children's Campaign
 2. Qualistar to further understand Child Care workforce
 3. Grand Beginnings and Bell Policy Center to implement CCCAP expansion
 4. 9 to 5 Colorado to continue advocacy
 5. CCLP to make sure child care is considered in WIOA \$
- ii. 2015/2016 Legislative Session
 1. Recap of 2015 Legislative Session (not much happened)
 2. Looking forward to 2016 Legislative Session
- iii. Ways to get involved
 1. Share the research
 2. Join our Northern CO Regional Committee (contact Lydia Johnson)
 3. Join mailing list

E. Questions and Answers

- i. What can the city do? Taxes, CDBG funds, alleviate property taxes
- ii. Bev Thurber has more information
- iii. How does Early Head Start partner with the Family Center for childcare?
Some funds pay for slot(s)
- iv. Only two not for profit childcare centers in Larimer County

V. General Announcements

- A. SANE Open House Event, Friday, October 23, 3-5pm at the Harmony Medical Campus
 - i. Can the Women’s Commission help with donations for patients?
 - ii. Need new clothes, Alderton will send a list of items
- B. Boards and Commissions annual celebration event: Oct 28, 2015
- C. SAVA Open House, November 3, 4-6pm

VI. Old Business

- A. Update: Public Nudity Ordinance
 - i. City Council Meeting last night
 - ii. Brittiany Hoagland spoke about next steps
 - iii. Next reading is November 3
 - iv. Use template to communicate to City Council regarding the Women’s Commission position
 - v. Hanson may speak at November 3 meeting
- B. Meeting with the Senior Advisory Board – Hanson attended last week to discuss SANE exams
- C. Draft 2016 Work Plan

VII. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Action Items			
Member	Item	Time Sensitive	Ongoing
Catherine & Ginny	Add hosting a networking event for organizations that we partner with for women’s issues (SAVA, Crossroads, etc.) and the police department for domestic violence prevention proclamation	Now	
Lea	Complete communications template regarding (Stacia will email template to Lea)	Before Oct.28	
Catherine	Get more information from Bev Thurber and invite her to a meeting	For Jan. meeting	
Molly	Send information about donations to WC members	Now	
Lea	Contact Linda Preston at AUW	Now	
Liz	Contact women in science at Colorado State		X
Suzanne	Print Civil Discourse handouts and give them to clerk’s office to put out at meetings		X
Huston	Review community events calendar to inform the WC		X

	& add any events that the WC is aware of		
Stacia	Look through data from 1996 phone survey data and determine next steps		X
Annette	Try to find more recent data from the Women's Commission and let Stacia know		X
Ginny	Send bullet points to Suzanne for other B&Cs		X
Ginny	Update City Council topics (below) according to six-month planning calendar		X
All	Bring ideas of potential partners for educational programs		X
All	Share community events with WC members		X

City Council Calendar		
Date	Member(s)	Topic or Committee
November 3, 2015	Lea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (First Reading) • 2016 Airport Annual Appropriation Ordinance (consent-First Reading) • 2016 Utility Rate Ordinances (First Reading) • 2016 DDA Annual Appropriation Ordinance (consent-Second Reading) • Extending the City's Sales and Use Tax For Street Maintenance in Accordance with a voter-approved Ballot Measure (Second Reading-consent) • Energy Policy (consent) • Police Services Training Facility Appropriation • Initiating the Lodgepole Investments, LLC Annexation (consent)
November 17, 2015	Molly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (Second Reading). • 2016 Utility Rate Ordinances (Second Reading) • 2016 Airport Annual Appropriation Ordinance (consent-Second Reading) • Lost, Abandoned and Unclaimed Property and camping ordinance • Downtown Hotel Parking Structure Partnership
December 1, 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police • Dust Prevention and Control Code Amendments and

		Dust Control Manual Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midtown Plan Area Modification Public Hearing • Wood Street Second Annexation and Zoning (discussion) • Biennial Land Use Code Update (consent) • Revisions to the Mobile Food Vendor Regulations
December 15, 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to the Larimer County Urban Area Street Standards (consent)
January 5, 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
January 19, 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Submitted by Ginny Carroll, October 22, 2015