

City of Fort Collins
Women's Commission Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2016
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
215 N. Mason Avenue; Room 1-B
Meeting Minutes

6-15-16
Catherine Doney

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, Ginny Carroll, Liz Donovan, Catherine Douras, Hannah Little, Stacia Ryder, Huston Morse, Lea Hanson

Staff Liaison: Christine Macrina

Absent: Dru Van Doren

- I. **Call to Order** Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- II. **Approve minutes regular meeting, April 20, 2016**
 - A. Carroll moved to approve the April meeting minutes. It was seconded by Donovan. The motion passed with no discussion.
- III. **Guests**
 - A. Merry Hummel, Poudre School District – Outreach Fort Collins- launch scheduled in a couple of weeks.
 1. Street team to act as a referral resource and hopefully identify gaps that may exist within our community.
 2. Case manager has been hired with use of grant through Summit Stone with focus on chronically homeless, dual diagnosis and veterans.
 3. Plan is to expedite through downtown and stretch to the south side of town.
 4. Trying to reduce number of inappropriate calls to emergency services
 5. Can/will be applied to all patrons of Old Town, example: keeping rambunctious college kids in line.
 6. This will be a staffed program, and initially there will not be volunteer positions.
 7. Fundraising in a year or two will be necessary with volunteer support
 8. Plan on public reporting
 9. Tuesday May 24 @ 7:30 am @ Galvanize open house

B. Vic Smith (Human Relations Commission)

IV. New Business

A. Breakfast mixer debrief

1. Lots of positive feedback

B. Healthcare follow-up discussion

1. What are the next steps?
2. Rich has sat down with Council already and presented to them
3. WC has concerns about definitive effects of the healthcare plan, and that there is no model to pull from.
4. Consensus to observe progress of bill, but not directly advise Council one way or another.

C. BFO progress

1. First round is coming to a close (review of offers that include normal budget items and "enhancements").
2. New Enhancement of note: investigative study about childcare services for the City. Asking the seller to represent the offer in a more compelling and descriptive way.
3. WC to recommend to Council to support Child Care initiatives (like this BFO)
4. WC can engage and report back on citizen input (there will be a website for citizens to input and rank their comments – between July 1 and August 1.
5. Super Meeting - Council Chambers – dinner at 5:30, presentation at 6, Wednesday June 1.

D. Women's Collaboration state-wide through CSU -

1. Collective discussion about how to bring different groups together
2. Monday, June 13 @ 10 am. Ryder attending.

V. Old Business

A. AAUW presentation debrief

1. Group very engaged, with lots of impactful women. Another group wanting more diversity.

B. Homelessness discussion

1. Missions Open House – Donovan report: tour of facility, and intro to Steps to Success program (20 people or so, for 9 months roughly). The additional beds allocated for women have alleviated a huge portion of the homeless women sleeping outside. Discussed the two individuals who have passed this winter, including improved communications between locations/programs.
2. Nashville model – Donovan Report: Nashville has an "airport" but it's a day center. In the evening, the faith based orgs and volunteers will be there to transport to the various locations for the night and act as a funnel for figuring out which location works best for each individual, couple, or family. This program will not pull from the FFH group of churches. This program would strive

to get a good mix of different providers, to make sure there is not solely one type of faith based org. Timeline is to present to Council in July.

3. HRC has reservations about recommending to council No tickets altogether. Recommends to WC to invite members of the shelters to get a perspective. Cheryl Distaso – Fort Collins Community Action Network
4. Community Equity Initiative (HRC) – how to promote equity in the community, including City/County relationship
5. What about the visible vs. less visible homeless population?
6. Homelessness could be a Super Meeting issue

C. Follow up thoughts/next steps on Childcare

1. Input for BFO will be a good opportunity to give feedback
2. Salaries for caregivers are low
3. After school programming – Donovan shared information about Northside programs. Could be a concrete recommendation for City Council.

D. Council Reports

E. Action Items/Council Sign-ups

F. Any community calendar events to add?

VI. Announcements

A. HRC meetings are the 2nd Thursday at 5:30 at Council chambers

B.

II. Adjourn – Douras adjourned at 8:13 pm

Action Items			
Member	Item	Time Sensitive	Ongoing
Catherine	Email Annette about speaking about homelessness	Now	
Huston	Fill out communication template regarding elder abuse and IPV	Now	
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 & add any events that the WC is aware of		X
Huston	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
May 3, 2016	Hannah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Report: City/DDA tour of Salvation Army Denver Homeless Service Facilities • Employee Recognition
May 17, 2016	Dru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain's edge Annexation and Zoning (First Reading – consent) • East Prospect at Boxelder Creek Annexation and Zoning (First Reading – consent) • Utilities Biannual City Code Updates
June 7, 2016		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to <u>The Mobile Food Vendor Regulations</u> • Mountain's Edge Annexation and Zoning (Second Reading – consent)
June 21, 2016	Ginny	•
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Submitted by Huston Morse on April 21, 2016