

City of Fort Collins
Women's Commission Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
215 N. Mason Avenue; Room 1-B
Meeting Minutes

Carroll
6-21-17

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: Ginny Carroll, Huston Morse, Kori Wilford, Liz Donovan, Molly Alderton, Stacia Ryder

Absent: Dru Van Doren, Hannah Little, Hailey Atkinson

Staff Liaison: Suzanne Jarboe-Simpson

Guests: Katie Abeyta

- i. Call to Order – Carroll called meeting to order at 6:10 pm
- ii. Guest – Katie Abeyta – It's on Us Update/Sexual Assault Victim Advocate (SAVA) non-profit agency
 - a. Medical advocacy, Legal advocacy, Support services, clinical support services, bilingual therapy and advocacy (group or individual, including secondary survivor group).
 - b. Therapy services are offered on a sliding scale, SAVA does not bill through insurance, as insurance companies typically require a mental health diagnosis in order to cover therapy.
 - c. Current service outreach: varies dependent on type of service requested, graduation from programs, etc.
 - d. Speak Up Programs – in schools in both Larimer and Weld counties. Prevention education teams work with students in small groups on topics including: healthy boundaries and relationships, unsafe and safe touching, positive body image, etc.
 - e. SART Peers program – high school program where students are trained to present 90 minutes' presentations about healthy boundaries and relationships, unsafe and safe touching, positive body image, etc. to their peers. Last year reached 3,000 students.
 - f. It's On Us – It's a City program, but SAVA is a Managing partner of the program. SAVA is doing all promotion, programming etc.
 - i. Purpose: community education on sexual assault and to encourage by stander participation in ending sexual assault.
 - ii. Identified different groups for outreach:
 1. Parents – wanting to make sure messaging is the same at home as it is in school.

- 2. People experiencing homelessness – Fort Collins PD, SANE nurse, and SAVA planning a summit to educate about resources.
 - 3. Faith Communities – trying to get the programming into these communities.
 - 4. Bar and Brewery Community – “Raise the Bar” is a 2-hour presentation to educate what sexual assault is, and how to identify if a situation seems risky. Odell’s and Road 34 have signed up already.
- iii. Goals are to continue to maintain and expand the programs currently in place in Fort Collins, but also trying to find a new champion within the City. Visionary Goal: to be the outlet for other municipalities within Colorado to start their own It’s on Us programs. City of Westminster is already trying to get their It’s on Us program up and running. State Attorney General’s Office’s ultimate goal is to take It’s on Us statewide.
- g. What SAVA needs from the WC: Advise City Council to select a new champion in the absence of Gino Campana. Best outcome is to find a partner, or partners, who align with SAVA’s strategic goals, core values, and mission to help advocate for program goals.
- III. Approve minutes - Regular meeting, April 19, 2017 – Donovan moves to approval, Ryder seconds. Passed Unanimously.

IV. New Business

- a. Community Trust Proposed Ordinance – Stacia Ryder - recap the ordinance and debrief of City Council meeting and public comment from 5/16/17. Overall, this ordinance is moving forward with guidelines which are similar to those of a Sanctuary City, with one caveat. The phrase ‘sanctuary city’ is not being used. HRC has asked for WC support, either as a group or as individual citizens.
 - i. Carroll entertains a motion that the WC support the Community Trust Proposed Ordinance. Wilford moves. Ryder seconds.
 - ii. Discussion ensues about how to communicate the WC support to City Council. Ryder to draft letter of support on City Council Communication Template and send to all Council Members.
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. Clothing donations for SANE – update – Logistically, how would on going donations work?
 - i. Do we set up a bin at PVH and E. Harmony?
 - ii. Do we fund raise, and then purchase clothing to deliver?
 - iii. Do we want to schedule and market an annual or semiannual drive?
 - iv. Involve retailers to get a grant to fund purchases? Wilford to research.
 - v. Alderton to check with Elyse to see which type of program would be the best option.
- c. Annual Breakfast Debrief
 - i. City Clerk Updates – discussion about Super Meetings
 - ii. Volunteer Hours tracking software – plan is to approach each Board and Commission for training on the software.
 - 1. Jarboe-Simpson to get WC meetings on the Engage Fort Collins calendar.

- iii. Affordable Housing was a big topic
- iv. Community Trust Proposed Ordinance
- d. Women's Health Week – Wilford has advertised on County social media sites, linking last year's proclamation.
- e. Discussion of Summer Meeting reschedule –
 - i. Things to consider:
 - 1. Marcille N Wood Award application needs to be live in August
 - 2. 2018 Work Plan needs to be approved in September.
 - ii. July meeting was cancelled.
 - iii. Alderton to send out email with options for July get together dates.
- f. Revisit Women in Politics in September
- g. CEDAW – Carroll emailed Councilmember Stevens to discuss options and gauge support. Have not heard back at this time. Morse to follow up with Council member Stevens.
- h. Council Reports
 - i. HRC Community Trust Proposal Ordinance was big topic at 5/16/17 meeting.
- i. Action Items/Council Sign-ups
- j. Any community calendar events to add?

V. Community Events

- a. May 19- Pinked (Planned Parenthood Fundraiser at the Artery)
- b. July 25 - WFCO Event with guest Michelle Obama

VI. Adjourn – 8:05 pm.

Action Items			
Member	Item	Time Sensitive	Ongoing
Molly & Ginny	Bring Snacks to next meeting	6/21/17	
Stacia	draft letter of support on City Council Communication Template and send to all Council Members	Now	
Kori	Research large retailers and their willingness to donate to SANE program	6/21/17	
Molly	Check with Elyse on which type of donation program would work best for her.	6/21/17	
Molly	Send out email for July BBQ date options	Now	
Huston	F/U with Councilmember Stevens about CEDAW.	Now	
Liz	Schedule offline meeting with Women in Politics subcommittee	3/31/17	
ALL	Read handout on CEDAW program for Cities	2/15/17	
Suzanne	Print Civil Discourse handouts and give them to clerk's office to put out at meetings		

Huston	Review community events calendar to inform the WC & add any events that the WC is aware of		
Huston	Update City Council topics (below) per six-month planning calendar		
All	Bring ideas of potential partners for educational programs		
All	Share community events with WC members		

Date	Member(s)	Topic or Committee
June 6, 2017	Huston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Downtown Hotel Parking Structure (First Reading) ● 2015 International Codes Adoption (First Reading) ● Transfort Service on Sundays and Holidays ● staff report: Safe Place to Rest
July 5, 2017 (Wednesday)	Kori	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Downtown Hotel Parking Structure (Second Reading) ● Sign Code Update
July 18, 2017	Stacia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Possible November ballot measure-add telecom as an Electric Utility service (Second Reading) ● Utilities Raw Water Requirements (discussion) ● Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP)
August 15, 2017	Liz	
August 29, 2017		
September 5, 2017		
September 19, 2017		