

City of Fort Collins Women's Commission 2018 WORK PLAN: Final approved 9/20/2017

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 Key Strategic Outcome of Community and Neighborhood Livability.

INTRODUCTION

For the year 2018, the Fort Collins Women's Commission will continue to focus its efforts on three key areas affecting women in Fort Collins: Safety, Health, and Poverty. The Commission is focused on becoming a stronger voice to the City Council and the community on behalf of the women of Fort Collins.

GOALS

The Women's Commission has established the following goals for 2018:

1. Continue to align the Work Plan and monthly agendas with the City of Fort Collins seven Key Strategic Outcomes.
2. Review and capitalize on the research available from existing sources to provide a picture of the status of women in the community, foster dialogue and create the forums and synergies necessary for problem solving.
3. Collaborate and network with local organizations and law enforcement to highlight issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, gender discrimination and poverty.
4. Bring to the attention of City Council and identify and utilize key events/media outlets in the community where the materials and messages of the Women's Commission can be effectively communicated and leveraged.
5. Continue to develop and leverage relationships with other City of Fort Collins' Boards and Commissions around issues that impact the key focus areas of the Women's commission, i.e. attend super meetings and collaboration meetings.
6. Continue to develop and leverage relationships in the community, i.e. presentation of the *Marcile N. Wood Award* in conjunction with other community recognition events.
7. Focus and align Women's Commission activities and work with the Key Outcome of Community & Neighborhood Livability, especially as related to the Women's Commission Periodic Review in 2019.
8. Spearhead and collaborate with other community and organizational entities to craft a recommendation to City Council for the adoption of a CEDAW resolution
9. Design an inclusive process to vet the names of Fort Collins women for the City Street Naming Project.

ON-GOING ANNUAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

- Attend and present material at City Council meetings
- Organize collaboration meetings with other Boards and Commissions
- Participate in and/or arrange community events that highlight issues pertinent to women in Fort Collins
- Create collaborative relationships with individuals and entities who address the community's issues of poverty, health, and safety

- Identify and reach out to community experts and resources to inform the work of the Women's Commission
- Professional development and training for Women's Commission members
- Quarterly evaluations of progress
- Participate in city budget discussions as appropriate
- Produce materials related to annual goals which will be available in both electronic and paper form
- Monitor City Council 6-month planning calendar

COMMISSION LIAISONS

Relationship with City Council – Track the Council's policy agenda and, in the Commission's advisory role, provide information and appropriate comments to the City Council on issues of information gathered by the commission.

Develop and strengthen relationships with community organizations and groups that focus on women in the community - including Colorado State University, local non-profit organizations, and other relevant organizations.