

AGENDA

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Women's Commission

REGULAR MEETING

July 18, 2018, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
117 N. Mason | Civic Center Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by Hannah Little at 6:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Lexi Kuznick, Hannah Little, Melanie Horton, Kori Wilford, Hailey Atkinson, Shannon Hein, Melanie Potyondy

3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Atkinson asks for review and discussion of minutes. Little motions to approve. Wilford seconds. Minutes pass as written.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. National Recovery Month proclamation – September (Shana/Hannah)
 - Hannah will look for a previous version of the proclamation to update.
 - Date is set for September 4. Final proclamation and the names of those receiving it is due August 22.
 - Kori will reach out to staff at NCAP
 - Lexi will ask Lisa Dunworth with SummitStone
 - Kori will ask Melanie Voegli-Morris about PSDs efforts
- b. Group Volunteer Activity – finalize details (Hannah)
 - Hannah will resend Doodlepoll
- c. Women's Foundation Luncheon (Hailey)
 - October 10th in Denver.
 - Shannon will purchase 5 tickets at the young professional rate of \$75.
- d. Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation – October (Molly)
- e. City Council pay research (Lexi)
 - Shannon was able to get some information about how pay is determined, but the commission will put this on hold to focus on CEDAW.
- f. Immigration policy – draft public comment (Emily)

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- Emily

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Homelessness Panel –

Holly LeMasurier: Director of Homeward 2020. Homeward 2020 Affiliates work every day to provide short and long term supportive services to those experiencing homelessness. Holly will moderate the panel.

Marla Cleary: Housing First Initiative Director at Murphy Center. Marla is a Housing Retention Specialist, working with Housing First Initiative clients as they transition from homelessness into housing and toward destabilization.

Annette Zacharias: Director of Faith, Family, Hospitality. Annette spoke to the unique needs of homeless families. This organization serves 4 families at a time who house in faith-based organizations. Families need to meet benchmarks of success, show progress toward finding permanent housing, and typically stay 3-4 months. Many single parents, with women having experienced significant trauma.

Lisa Dunworth: Behavioral Health Clinician on Summit Stone Health Partners on the Homeless Services team, which outreaches to individuals in Larimer County who are homeless or at risk of experiencing homelessness to offer a wide array of free services related to mental health and substance use disorder needs.

The community's agencies addressing homelessness work together well to coordinate services across agencies, and this is unique to Fort Collins. The panel shared information about their programs and the lived experiences of the clients they work with. Gaps in services for:

- unaccompanied minors who do not have a place to shelter
- older senior women who are unable to live on social security and do not have marketable skills
- Women do not have vehicles or access to adequate transportation
- Diapers and personal hygiene products are always needed
- Housing choice vouchers-lists are closed
- Affordable housing is a somewhat broken system because people get the housing and their income remains stagnant and they stay in those units for a long time.
- Women are more likely to be exposed to violence when they're experiencing homelessness, needing more mental health services, more frequent unprotected sex. Women need access to reproductive health services and have unique needs in that regard.

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- Service agencies often get thrown under the bus when a “bad” things happen that involves the issue of homelessness or are not given credit when something “good” happens.

b. Marcile N. Wood award planning

- Julia Mackewitch from Human Relations Commission and Hailey Atkinson will meet to discuss the possibility of having a joint award ceremony.
- The commission will make a list of past speakers who have been at our meetings and potentially reach out to them to ask for nominations.

c. National Hunger and Homelessness Week proclamation – November (Hailey)

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

d. CEDAW

- Lexi continues to work on ensuring that information presented to Councilwoman Stephens is accurate, timely, and action-oriented. Will revisit in October.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Snack sign-up

- Hannah-September
- Kori-October

b. Council meetings sign-up

- August 21- Melanie
- September 4 – Hannah (accepting proclamation)
- September 18 – Budgeting meeting-all should attend

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned by Atkinson at

Next Meeting-September 19

