



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

A Pasco County Board of County Commissioners Advisory Board

Meeting Location: Pasco County Utilities Administration Building
19420 Central Boulevard, Land O'Lakes, FL 34637

MINUTES

October 2nd, 2017: 1:30 pm. – 2:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order: Kelly Mothershead

II. Commission Roll Call/Sign In

1. Gail Armstrong
2. Kelly Mothershead
3. Stefanie Pontlitz
4. Lauren St. Martin
5. Suzanne Legg
6. Lisa Richardson
7. Nancy Dougherty
8. Melanie Storms
9. Aleacia Guy

Also in attendance: Christopher Cauley, Pasco County Program Administrator, and Johanna Rodriguez, Pasco County Program Manager.

III. Public Comment

1. Brandi Geoit, West Coast AIDS Foundation, representing on behalf of NOW. Brandi requested that the minutes from these meeting be posted on the West Pasco County Commission website. Also, October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. There are two upcoming events. First, at the New Port Richey Library on October 7th, 10a – Empowering women and domestic violence awareness. Second, VoteFest, to assist disenfranchised women in voter registration, October 22nd, 12n – 6p at GillDawgs in Port Richey.

IV. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Discussion to correct name misspellings in last month's minutes: Kelly Mothershead, as well as public guest, Brandi Geoit. Also, within Public Comment section, AIDS is to be all caps. Motion made by Stefanie, seconded by Gail, to accept minutes with these corrections made. All in favor and motion carried.

V. Old Business:

1. Introduction of new members due to absences last meeting: Lauren St. Martin

VI. New Business

1. Updates from task force leaders
 - i. Health and Safety: Cheryl Pollack not in attendance. Chris Cauley reported that Cheryl contacted him; the team will formulate and report a plan by the next meeting.
 - ii. Education: Stefanie Pontlitz reported that the task force will be meeting next week and will bring back priorities to this Committee next month.
 - iii. Economic Prosperity/Promotion: Nicole Newlon, Leader, not in attendance today, but Chris updated that Nicole reached out to him. The task force will meet and present priorities at next month's Committee meeting.
2. Following topics presented by Kelly Mothershead:
 - i. Commissioner Starkey requested that the Commission get the topics for next year turned in and ready to present to the BOCC.
 - ii. Conducting a fundraiser for a specific charity next year.
 - iii. Nominate a "Woman of the Year"; each member to review the guidelines found in the Commission on Status of Women Handbook prior to next month's meeting.
 - iv. For consideration: perhaps combine the Woman of the Year nominee with the fundraiser (thereby supporting the charity associated with the nominee).

VII. Closing:

1. Announcement:
 - i. Chris Cauley shared that he will be leaving the Pasco area before the end of the year and that Johanna Rodriguez, Program Manager will be the new POC for the Commission.
2. Review of Assignments/Agenda for Next Meeting: November 6, 2017.
 - i. Topics for next year
 - ii. Fundraiser
 - iii. Woman of the Year

VIII. Adjournment:

1. Motion to adjourn by Stefanie with second by Gail. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.
2. Next meeting will be held November 6, 1:30p. Same location.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Dougherty.