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City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

Tuesday April 4th, 2017, 5:45 PM

Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber 3rd Flr.

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Jennifer Maddox, Donna Connolly, Amanda Gregoire, Deborah Hall, Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, Benjamin Roberts
Absent: Jennifer Madson
Staff: Jayna Turchek and Simon Elliott

1. Call to Order and Introductions at 5:51pm

2. Review of minutes March 28th, 2017

LeBoeuf motioned to amend the minutes and remove the inclusion of the title "Commissioner" twice on the second page. Leboeuf motioned approve the minutes as revised. Gregoire seconded. Unanimously approved as amended.

3. Old Business:

A. Remarks on Equal Pay Day (Mayoral Proclamation to be read at City Council tonight at 7pm)

Chairperson Maddox reminded the Committee that a proclamation will be read at the City Council meeting tonight at 7pm. Committee members expressed that they will stay after the meeting to be present for that proclamation.

B. Planning for the April Women's Economic Literacy Event

Gregoire introduced Beth Butler from Dress for Success Worcester. Beth presented to the Committee Dress for Success Worcester's new program More Than Money, which is an economic literacy event that they will be hosting in April and May. This program includes trainings such as budget and line-item workshop (which are one-on-one and personalized trainings), Establishing and Building Banking Relationships, the True Cost of Car Ownership, Scams, Frauds & Identity Thefts, and Renting versus Home Ownership.

Butler expressed to the Committee Dress for Success Worcester's desire that this be a recurring event in the hopes that future generations can be financially literate. Commerce Bank, Clinton Savings Bank, TD Bank, Leominster Federal Credit Union, and the Better Business Bureau are all slated to participate in these programs.

Butler will forward the digital version of the flyer for the More Than Money event to Director Turchek so that she may distribute it further. Beth expressed that the Committee could add its logo to the event's flyer. Director Turchek informed the Committee about the City of Worcester Office

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of Human Rights & Disabilities' new Consumer Rights Program, which works to protect consumers from fraud and identity theft, among other things, and serves as a mediator between consumers and businesses. Director Turchek also raised the possibility of the Consumer Rights advocate from this program participating in this economic literacy series.

C. 40th year anniversary (Fall 2017)

Director Turchek shared with the Committee that the Committee will be able to access a shared document online for administrative purposes to update former Committee members contacts. LeBoeuf relayed to the Committee that the planning meeting for the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote has been rescheduled for May 16th from 5-7PM in the Saxe Room at the Worcester Public Library. LeBouef also suggested that the Committee formulate a letter to be circulated to past members of the Committee in order to standardize the correspondences.

4. Review Assignments for next meeting

Chairperson Maddox reviewed the assignments as distributed last meeting and brought new Committee member Roberts to speed on the Committee's plan to chip in to the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017

6. Adjournment at 6:17 pm