

## **City of Worcester Advisory Committee on the Status of Women**

### **VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES– Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 5:45 pm**

Video available online: <https://play.champds.com/worcesterma/event/1182>

**Members Present:** Rubby Wuabu, Tracey Whitney, Samantha Sendrowski, Márcia Macri, and Heather Borelli

**Members Absent:** Kayanna James

**Staff:** Jayna Turcek

#### **1. Call to order and Introductions**

Samantha Sendrowski called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Samantha Sendrowski welcomed members of the commission and those present, and a roll call was taken, 5-0-0, that established a quorum.

#### **2. Review and approval of February 1, 2022 meeting minutes**

Rubby Wuabu motioned to accept the minutes as written for the February 1, 2022 meeting. Tracey Whitney seconded. Minutes unanimously passed on a roll call vote 5-0-0.

#### **3. Old Business**

##### **A. Additional information for gender based violence report**

City funding for women's housing to be added to the report by Samantha Sendrowski and will be up for review next meeting.

##### **B. Planning for spring investigations on economic status of women (April/May)**

###### April Meeting

Márcia Macri will be leading the April meeting with Rubby Wuabu as a co-lead.

Planned informational speakers:

- Peter Dunn- City of Worcester, Chief Development Officer.
- Karen Pelletier- Chamber of Commerce.
- Michelle Miller- Center of Women and Enterprise.
- Katherine Hamilton- Worcester Business Journal.

Timeline:

- Introduce topic and informational speakers - 30 Minutes
- Create short biographies to present at the beginning of the event - 1 hour
- Conversation between business owners and informational speakers - 30 Minutes

Slideshow would be created by Samantha Sendrowski to include a short biography for speakers in order to move straight into the discussion to prevent delays.

Samantha Sendrowski motioned to accept the format as written in the chat and have Heather Borelli as the facilitator for the April meeting. Tracey Whitney seconded. Unanimously passed on a roll call vote 5-0-0.

May Meeting:

Lead- Tracey Whitney

Discussion will be offline with Director Jayna Turchek.

**C. Information received from Cultural Office regarding online public art map and database:** <https://www.worcesterma.gov/cultural-development/cultural-projects/public-art>

Jayna Turchek and Erin Williams discussed the Committee's request for a public art inventory. The Cultural Office agrees this would be good to have and will put that on the list of projects to undertake in the future. Right now there is an online public art map and database. Committee will touch base in about a year to check in about the inventory.

#### **D. Planning for touring exhibit of Wonder Women of Worcester posters**

Powerpoint is being worked on by Márcia Macri and will be available by April 5, 2022 for the committee to edit. Márcia Macri and committee women will try to get the posters in as many banks and other locations as possible.

#### **4. Adjournment 6:58 pm**

Vice-chairperson Sendrowski motioned to adjourn the March 1, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Heather Borelli. Unanimously passed on a roll call vote 5-0-0.

**Next meeting Tuesday April 5, 2022, 5:45pm**