

City of Worcester
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women
Meeting Summary
Date: April 1st, 2014
Worcester City Hall, Room 401

Members Present: Chantel Bethea, Robin Currie, Heidi Sue LeBoeuf, Sarah Gruhin, Jessica Donovan, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, Kathy Linton, Karen Pelletier

Staff: Catherine Nash, Human Rights Specialist, Office of Human Rights and Disabilities

1. Call To Order:

There being a quorum the chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

2. Approval of the March 4, 2014 minutes:

Robin Currie motioned to approve the minutes without correction

3. Review and follow up of Woman of Consequence:

The consensus is that the event went well but a little additional preparation, especially for the speakers, would be helpful. As follow up, some thank you cards will be sent to selected people who participated.

4. Discussion of Community Calendar of Events/Visibility Plan:

There will be a shared calendar developed for the Committee to plan attendance at public events throughout the community. All members are encouraged to attend public events when possible. ** Women's Advocacy Day is coming up: **Advocacy Day 2014** will be held on May 21st, 2014, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Massachusetts State House.**

5. Discussion of the Creation of a Forum:

The plan for a public hearing has been revisited. A draft notice has been presented and the Committee will continue developing that plan.

6. Invitation to the City Manager:

Staff Liaison will invite the City Manager to attend the next meeting. The purpose is for him to provide the advisory committee with some guidance in establishing common goals with the City manager's office. Robin will be preparing some notes about current activities and other items. We will send Mr. Augustus last year's summary report, and the current notes before the meeting so he will have time to review.

7. Guest:

A guest, John Wilkes, attended the meeting and spoke about some past projects, including an Aspiration Study and other community surveys that addressed young students and the STEM disciplines. He explained some of the methodology and findings of the studies, which were conducted by WPI students under the direction of the ACSW.

8. Adjournment was at 6:47pm