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Coretta McCarter  
Krystal Vanhorne

**City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women**

Tuesday April 2nd, 2019, 5:45 PM  
Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Present:** Deborah Hall, Priscilla Elsass, Amanda Gregoire, Ariel Lim, Krystal Vanhorne, Donna Connolly, Coretta McCarter

**Staff:** Jayna Turchek

**1. Call to Order and Introductions at 5:45pm**

Chairperson Ariel Lim called the meeting to order and introduced and welcomed new member, Coretta McCarter

**2. Review of minutes February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Vice Chair Gregoire motioned to approve the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes as written. Commissioner Connolly seconded. Unanimously approved.

**3. New Business-Discussion:**

**A. Debrief of Young Women of Consequence Awards Ceremony (March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019)**

- Was well attended and went really smooth
- The honorees were great and the crowd was as well
- Agreed to have Raquel Castro-Corazzini to speak on suggestions for application changes and outreach for young woman of consequence award
- Next time, suggestion to have artistic performances reviewed beforehand for length
- Not everybody on the committee participated in planning a preparation, so next year we need to review people's commitments
- Want to figure out how to give feedback to the counselors or the nominators, especially when applications submitted incomplete
- All applications in the future should all be the same as well as with the process, ie one method for submission (must be complete and not submitted in parts).

**B. Discussion of Wonder Women of Worcester Posters**

- Slate of initial candidates was given out
- Committee expressed continued interest in spearheading the project
- Seen as a permanent and not temporary display
- Historical Museum will be pursued

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- Until the next major event comes up (100 year celebration of some women getting the right to vote), we could roll out the posters in waves
- Pursue using a room in the historical museum
- Each member will research a women on the candidate list
  - i. Krystal will research Barbara Cohin
  - ii. Donna will research Marie Sconno
  - iii. Amanda will research Sarah Robertson
  - iv. Priscilla will research Barbara Sinnott
  - v. Coretta will research Stacey Luster
- Bring research to next meeting (May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019) and be prepared to present
- Suggestion that posters of everyday women should be included so that women and children in Worcester can see their faces reflected.

### **C. Preliminary discussion on women's health forum**

- Do preliminary research on the status of women in Worcester health wise and from there decide what the focus area of the forum should be:
  - i. Women and infant health rates
  - ii. Opioid use
  - iii. Leading causes of death
  - iv. Chronic conditions
  - v. Mental health
- Request to follow up from graduate Clark student on research on women and girls in education in high school
- Suggestion that sex education could be a topic and work with the school board committee
- Suggestion to invite school committee candidates to a public forum and pose questions relative to both gender equity in education and sex education curriculum among other topics (month of August) (Everybody agreed to this)
- Suggestion to invite League of Women Voters, YWCA, and MAWOCC to partner
- Agreed on date of forum to be evening of Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Committee will consider having two forums this year

## **4. Old Business – Discussion**

### **A. Updates from Abby Kelley Foster Memorial Taskforce**

- They met on March 18<sup>th</sup> and were working on calls for proposals from artists

## **5. Review assignments for next meeting (Tuesday, May 7th, 2019)**

- Wonder Women of Worcester Posters
- Get information on current candidates running for office and each come up with one question

## **6. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items**

- Voter registration requirement to be on the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and other city boards. Invitation to attend upcoming Citizen Advisory Council meeting and invite Human Rights Commission Chairperson to speak to Committee on this item.

## **7. Adjournment, 6:58pm**