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Ariel Lim, Chairperson
Coretta McCarter
Krystal Vanhorne

City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

Tuesday May 7th, 2019, 5:45 PM
Worcester City Hall, Levi Lincoln Chamber 3rd Floor

MEETING SUMMARY

Present: Donna Connolly, Amanda Gregoire, Deborah Hall, Ariel Lim, Coretta McCarter
Absent: Priscilla Elsass and Krystal Vanhorne
Staff: Jayna Turchek

1. Call to order and introductions

2. Review and approval of April 2nd, 2019 meeting minutes: Spelling correction of names for Wonder Women of Worcester Posters. Committeewoman Connolly motioned to accept as amended, Committeewoman Gregoire seconded, unanimously approved.

3. Old Business- Discussion

A. Discussion of Wonder Women of Worcester Posters

- Committeewoman Gregoire drafted the content for the template of Sara Robertson
- Committeewomen Hall, Connolly and Elsass submitted write ups to Committeewoman Gregoire prior to meeting tonight
- Pictures still needed (Sinnott, Price and Scano)
- Committeewoman Gregoire will email Bill Wallace for pictures in the Historical Museum archives
- Committeewoman Hall has pictures of Betty Price sent from Price's daughter
- Cohen and Luster still remaining to be completed
- Write ups centered on where women served, their positions and accomplishments. Amanda will share electronic files with everyone.
- Chairperson Lim Ariel shared that City Councilor Lukes announced this is her last term in office. All agreed to add her to the list. Ms. Lukes helped create the ACSW and was first Chairwoman. Committeewoman Gregoire offered to draft content for poster. She will pull from T&G article from this week which outlined Ms. Lukes' accomplishments and timeline of public service.
- All agreed the posters will be part of a rotating and traveling exhibit. Possible locations include City Hall, YWCA, library, and Worcester Historical Museum. A sign will be added to the display that will list contact for ACSW and state that we are welcoming input for additional suggestions for women to be highlighted in the poster exhibit.
- Agreed to have posters printed for display opening June 4th. Will let city councilors know as soon as possible so they can be made aware of exhibit.
- Discuss possibility of display the posters in the basement of city hall as part of Worcester windows? Large poster size format. Could also consider smaller versions for display cases in City Hall.

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- Will display posters during August forum as well as future Women and Young Women of Consequence Awards

B. Planning for August 15th School Committee Candidates Forum

- Councilwomen Hall confirmed YWCA, MAWOC, League of Women Voters and MA Political Caucus will all co-sponsor. Co-sponsorship means they will promote to turn out an audience.
- City Hall Levi Lincoln Chamber is reserved. Director Turchek will send out invitations to all candidates May 16th once they have been certified as candidates by the Elections Commission. (May 15th is deadline for candidates to return paperwork). Lay out expectations and format in invite. RSVP by deadline: TBD
- Forum will be 6-8pm.
- Committee women discussed tentative format:
 - 2-3 mins each candidate to introduce themselves (depending on how many there are)
 - Each ACSW committee member will come with a question they prepared in advanced. Co-sponsor groups can submit question each and submit to Committee in advance. Questions should be received by June 1. ACSW will review at June 4th meeting. Questions will be revealed at forum.
 - Time will be allotted for questions from audience
 - Emcee/Moderator: Chairwoman McCarter
 - Timekeeper(s) will be assigned.
 - Request advice from League of Women Voters on format. Committeewoman Hall will be in touch with co-sponsoring groups to see if representatives can attend next ACSW meeting to discuss format.
 - Flyer: Committeewoman Hall will design. Committeewoman Connolly offered family member who can provide graphic design assistance. Flyer to be finalized at June 4th meeting. Message in flyer (Why ACSW hosting candidates forum): Opportunity for community to get to know the candidates. The status of women tomorrow requires that we focus on the status of education today.

4. New Business- Discussion

A. Book and film discussion events (Sponsored by Human Rights Commission, Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and Commission on Disability).

Office of Human Rights and Disabilities intern Kenna Marblestone compiled a list of books and films and sent an email to all board and committee members to review and step forward if they would like to host a book and/or film screening and discussion event this year. Members interested in hosting discussion contact Director Turchek. Summer promotional flyer will be finalized prior to June 1st.

5. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm