

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
MEETING SUMMARY
Wednesday April 25, 2012
City Hall, Room 401 – 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

ACSW Members: Chairperson Marianne Sarkis, Sarah Gruhin, Elizabeth Tomaszewski, and Kristen Lemire.

ACSW Members Absent: Kathleen Linton, Chantel Bethea and Daisy Reeves.

City: Abby McCabe, Staff Liaison, City Manager's Office.

Minutes Prepared by: Abby McCabe.

1. Welcome

There being a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

2. WOC & YWOC Event Evaluation and Summary:

The Committee discussed this year's event and reviewed a list compiled by Ms. McCabe. Some of the suggestions to improve for next year were to select a new chorus or different band and work with them in advance to pick out songs to go with the event's theme, encourage the nominators for the YWOC to work with the girls on a speech, have the Committee seated closer to the podium to keep the event moving smoothly, include all the names of the Committee members in the talking points, have Committee members greet guests at the front door, consider interviewing the YWOC applicants as part of the selection process. Another suggestion was to create an updated video to play during the event that features the WOC and the YWOC out in the community. The Committee would need to select the winners earlier to allow time to make a video. A complete list was compiled and will be saved in the files to be reviewed during the planning process for next year.

Ms. McCabe will provide the award recipients with the DVD from the event and will remind them to thank the scholarship donors as it was noted that this has not been done in the past.

3. Spring & Summer Activities

Girls Inc. Celebration of Girls event on May 3rd. The meeting schedule was reviewed and it was decided to cancel the May and June meetings due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 25th and Wednesday August 22nd. At the July meeting the Committee will discuss plans and events for the Committee to be involved in during the fall. Committee members should bring suggestions to the July meeting. It was suggested to reach out to the YWCA to see about partnering with them on an event particularly for Breast Cancer Awareness and Violence Against Women Awareness months both observed in October, and Sexual Assault Awareness month in April.

4. Other Business:

Review Committee Roster: Ms. Sarkis will contact Ms. Linton to see if she is still able to attend the Committee's meetings. There are still two membership vacancies on the Committee which need to be filled to ensure that a quorum is maintained to hold the meetings. If your term is set to expire in August please let Ms. McCabe know if you would like to be reappointed at the July meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby McCabe
Committee Staff Liaison