

Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Women's Advisory Commission Meeting
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Committee Room A, Pontiac MI

July 14, 2011 Minutes (draft)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Doris Taylor at 5:27 p.m.

Women's Advisory Commission members in attendance were:

Dr. Carnigee Ala-Benee' Truesdale	Wanda Lohmeier
Hirsch Srivastava	Rebecca Clark
Dr. Doris Taylor	Dr. Jonice Crawford Butler
Lee Blizman	Jeanne Towar
Kimberly Ann Beebe	Sandy Burgess
Beth Matter	Sunsaria L. Baldwin

Women's Advisory Commission members absent were:

Sue Thomasson (excused)	JoAnn McShane (excused)
Cheryl Verbeke	Janice Daniels
Kristine Zrinyi (excused)	Patricia Thomas
Michelle Styczynski	Amanda Klein
Mishelle Kennedy (excused)	Hon. Christine Long, Ex-Officio
	Hon. Marcia Gershenson, Ex-Officio

Public in attendance:

Sheryl Mitchell
Deborah Macon, parliamentarian
John Maiu, Oakland County Legal News photographer
Angela Dabbs
Alexa Van Vliet, Oakland University student

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Lohmeier, supported by Ms. Clark, to approve the agenda. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2011 meeting: Motion by Dr. Ajo, supported by Ms. Clark, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2011 meeting with corrections to reflect that Rebecca Clark was absent. Minutes adopted on voice vote with corrections.

Executive Committee Report: Dr. Taylor reported that Bylaw changes were discussed. Changes have been made and the amended Bylaws emailed to every board member.

Voting of Amended Bylaws: Several amendments were proposed, as follows:

- Article V. Section 1 – add: from its membership
- Article V. section 3 – delete “A” and renumber remaining items
- Article VII – Section 2 – 5th line add “Commission”
- Article IX. Section 1 – capitalize “C” in commission

- Article IX. Section 1 – delete “and/or” add: “or the signatures of the Chair and both county commissioner Ex-Officios.

Moved by Ms. Beebe, supported by Ms. Burgess, to accept the Bylaws as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Sub-topic Reports:

Ms. Beebe and Ms. Burgess presented an outline. They are contacting schools about career choices, looking into women's organizations and mentoring programs, etc.

Ms. Baldwin has researched teen risk behaviors. To help unemployment, there is a need to find home-based businesses and franchises.

Ms. Lohmeier reported that her committee would meet immediately after this meeting.

The sub-topic group list was updated and will be distributed by Recording Secretary Srivastava.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment:

Guest Angela Dabbs asked when this organization started and what its goal is. Ms. Lohmeier, Ms. Matter and Dr. Taylor responded, with Dr. Taylor reading the WAC mission statement.

Guest Alexa Van Vliet requested and was provided with a copy of the WAC 2010 report to the Oakland County Commission. She asked that the LFTG community be looked at by WAC.

Good and Welfare:

Ms. Towar passed out invitations to Arts du Jour, the preview party for Arts, Beats & Eats, benefitting ten charities, Thursday, August 25 at Royal Oak Farmers Market. Purchase tickets online at artsdujourro.org.

Ms. Macon reported a new Comcast three-year initiative for any family with kids in grades K-12 on the national free lunch program. They may qualify for Internet access for \$9.95 per month. Laptop computers can also be purchased for \$149.99 through this program.

Ms. Beebe is starting a new high-end fashion business, Cabi, and having a fashion show in her home August 4. There is also a fundraiser for Oakland County NOW at her home from 3 to 7 p.m. August 13.

Mr. Srivastava reported that investors will be at Tiequest Detroit on August 17.

Sheryl Mitchell noted that Lola Arel in the Oakland County Economic Development Department can help with information about entrepreneurs and small businesses. You may also call Ms. Mitchell at 248-858-4078 (work) or 248-709-2492 (mobile). She can assist with other information available from Oakland County.

Ms. Burgess thanked Ms. Mitchell for donating her time to assist WAC.

The next meeting of the Woman's Advisory Commission is Thursday, August 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Aaron Pernick Room. The Executive Committee of the WAC will meet immediately following that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Towar
Recording Secretary