

ARLINGTON COUNTY
 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
 July 10, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting date/time: July 10, 2014 at 7:00 pm **Meeting location:** Birch Meeting Room
Minutes by: Caroline Romano **Minutes approved:** February 12, 2015

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
1. Stephanie Dix Clifford		X
2. Katie Cristol	X	
3. Courtney Hill		X
4. Krysta Jones (immediate past Chair)		X
5. Marguerete Luter (Vice Chair)	X	
6. Clare McIntyre		X
7. Melissa Muscio		X
8. Jacqueline Penlaver		X
9. Caroline Romano (Chair)	X	
10. Alejandra Santaolalla		X
Total	3	7
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<u>County Liaison/Advisor</u>		
Anna Maynard	X	

Meeting called to order by: Caroline Romano at 7:10 pm

Previous minutes were: Approved Not Approved (no quorum) **X**
 Approved with Changes Not Approved

Guest(s): Fatima Argan, member of the public

Chair Update and New Business

None. Attendance was exceptionally low at this meeting because there were torrential rains and widespread flooding in the area.

Public Relations Committee Update and New Business

1. Twitter Follower Count: 120 up from 10 since our previous meeting.
2. Twitter Chat Topics: No ideas were submitted as of yet. We can certainly use Twitter and FB to help promote the Jr. Commissioner Program and/or use the program as a Twitter discussion/chat. Coming fresh off last week's VA-48 Congressional Race, we could discuss the three women who ran (Atima, Yasmeen and Jacqui) and the importance of supporting future women candidates in Arlington/across the State.

Action: Need a comprehensive media contact list saved somewhere? Contact Jennifer Vasquez.

Action: Proposal to include the following items during the September 2014 meeting.

- Committee is seeking feedback from Commissioners on ideas for Twitter chats to be held monthly.
- Action: Suggestion to "level set" and "inventory what we use and what is useful."
- The Commission will be pursuing a project to work with young women/high school students (i.e. Junior Commissioners).
- Action: Courtney will take the lead on developing a focus group for ideas and potential for involvement. Ask potential Junior Commissioners: what would the commitment look like to you?

Women in Business Committee Update and New Business

1. The event will be held on Thursday October 23, 2014 at NRECA.

Research and Investigation Committee Update and New Business

1. Caroline/Chair committed to making the Status of Women Report a priority and making sure all Commissioners are contributing.

MMS Committee Update and New Business

1. Presentation of awards at County Board meeting on July 19 at 8:30 am.
2. Anna will provide Commissioners with information on the winners and amounts to be awarded to each recipient.
3. Caroline noted that it is critical for as many Commissioners as possible to attend the County Board meeting on July 19 at 8:30 am when the MMS recipients are recognized.
4. Caroline volunteered to prepare flowers/corsages for winners. Update: provided Target gift cards instead (non-perishable).
Outstanding Action: Need a letter to the County Board a letter regarding the Commission's intention of transferring the administration of MMS to the Arlington Community Foundation.

Other New Business and Announcements

None

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:21 pm