

ARLINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
April 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting date/time:	April 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm	Meeting location:	Azalea Conference Room
Minutes by:	Caroline Romano	Minutes approved:	July 9, 2015

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
1. Stephanie Dix Clifford	X	
2. Katie Cristol	X	
3. Courtney Hill		X
4. Marguerete Luter (Vice Chair)	X	
5. Sanam Toossi		X
6. Jacqueline Penlaver	X	
7. Caroline Romano (Chair)	X	
8. Alejandra Santaolalla	X	
9. Amanda Herrmann		X
10. Samantha O'Leary		X
11. Laura Maristany		X
12. Sasha Alegbeleye	X	
13. Kaitlin Cooke		X
Total	7	6

<u>County Liaison/Advisor</u>		
Anna Maynard	X	

Meeting called to order by: Caroline Romano at 7:15 pm

Previous minutes were: March 12, 2015 Approved Not Approved (no quorum)
Approved with Changes Not Approved **X**

Chair Update and New Business

1. Caroline Romano welcomed newly appointed commissioners: Sasha Alegbeleye and Kaitlin Cooke.
2. The Commission was unable to consider and approve previous minutes due to a lack of quorum: January 31, 2015 Planning Meeting, February 12, 2015, and March 12, 2015.
3. Caroline shared plans for the 3rd Annual Northern Virginia Take Back The Night and Rally Against Rape, Thursday April 30, 2015, 7pm at Gateway Park. CSW is an event partner and will have a table at the Rally. Alejandra Santaolalla volunteered to staff the CSW table.
4. Caroline also passed along information about the Women's Day of Action, Saturday, April 18, 2015, 10 am at Walter Reed Park with Katie Cristol and Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid Morroy. The purpose of the event is to spread awareness of issues facing women in Arlington County. Caroline Romano will lead a discussion at the event.
5. Fairfax Human Trafficking event: The Commissioners agreed to provide financial sponsorship, promotion of the event, and attendance at the event. Courtney Hill volunteered to serve as the Commission's representative Fairfax Human Trafficking event planning committee.

Women of Vision Committee Update and New Business

1. Caroline Romano shared Samantha O'Leary's previously provided updates about WOV event planning.

Research and Investigation Committee Update and New Business

1. Katie Cristol, Chair of the Research and Investigation Committee, updated the Commissioners on the feedback received on the Report on the Status of Women from County DHS staff (via CSW Board member liaison, Libby Garvey) and from the prosecutor's office. Katie also shared that the Research and Investigation Committee members have had meetings with stakeholders and been sifting through written comments to make sure that existing County efforts to address the issues and needs in the report - especially some brand-new partnerships that have started up since submitting the report in December - are fairly acknowledged, while still keeping up the pressure for what the Commissioners see as remaining needs and next steps.
2. The updated draft Report on the Status of Women was shared for discussion.

Public Relations Committee Update and New Business

None

Women in Business Committee Update and New Business

None

Other New Business and Announcements

1. Monument Quilt: Commissioners began working on a Monument Quilt submission supporting victims of sexual violence.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:00 pm