

ARLINGTON COUNTY
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
September 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting date/time: September 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm **Meeting location:** Azalea Conference Room
Minutes by: Caroline Romano **Minutes approved:** February 27, 2016

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

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

Meeting called to order by: Caroline Romano at 7:20 pm

Previous minutes were: Not considered

Guest(s): NA

Chair Update and New Business

1. Commissioners agreed that updating the information and recruitment brochure was a priority, so Caroline Romano offered to provide another text-only version of the brochure for Commissioners' review.
2. Kaitlin Cooke was nominated to serve as a Co-chair for the Women in Business Committee (to replace Jackie Penlaver). Kaitlin accepted the nomination and will work with Laura Maristany to plan the event (typically held in October or November).
3. Courtney Hill continues to serve as the Commission's representative to the Fairfax Human Trafficking event planning committee. The committee postponed the event until January 2016 to coincide with National Human Trafficking Month.

Women of Vision Committee Update and New Business

None

Research and Investigation Committee Update and New Business

None

Public Relations Committee Update and New Business

1. Commissioners agreed to discuss at the November meetings ideas for communicating issues around sexual assault and rape. November meeting will include a discussion of researching and designing an info-graphic for how to get help after an assault in Northern Virginia and a presentation on the ASK DC app created by Men Can Stop Rape.

Women in Business Committee Update and New Business

1. Commissioners discussed ideas for next Women in Business event. There was general agreement that the event should be a summit-like format and provide practical and tangible benefits to participants (e.g. starting your own business; growing your business; taking your business to the next level, etc.)
2. Kaitlin offered to present ideas for a networking and winetasting event.

Other New Business and Announcements

None

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:10 pm