Durham County Women’s Commission (DCWC) Minutes

08/22/2016

In attendance: Zion Tankard, Kim Cameron, Shauna Johnson, Ruebe Holmes, Lisa Gabriel

From the County manager’s office: Dionne Hines; Guest Presentation: Gloria De Los Santos

Absent: Amy Alspaugh, Doreen Johnson, Rosa Anderson, Azilee Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Commissioner Tankard

**Chair Report**: The DCWC report on affordable housing was well received by the Commissioners. They said it came at a needy time. They wanted the same presentation done at a meeting next month.

**Centerfest updates**: There will be a table provided by the county and DCWC will volunteer

**Treasurer’s report:** $50 room rental fee for Temple building space for fall forum; will have to pay for forum flyers -2 sided flyers in color

**Status of Women Committee Update**- Olympic records broken by women; More women of color starting their own businesses due to lack of representation and out of necessity since the recession -8/10/16 Time magazine article; All of us Or None of Us movement led by Spirithouse- An effort to prevent conflict in neighborhoods or repair the damage of crime and conflict-Restorative justice training to help people try to expunge criminal records.; Women in black- A silent march against violence took place from Duke Memorial Methodist Church to Durham County Courthouse- 8/20/16 Herald sun article; Forbes most powerful women article mentions Angela Merkel, Hillary Clinton & Michelle Obama

Conversation to bring together Women’s Commissions from across the state to collaborate; The Greensboro Commission’s Women’s Equality Day will be held on 8/27- tickets- $25

**Fall forum**-Betsy Smith, Executive Leadership coach- Confirmed speaker; Cerelyn Davis, Durham Police Chief-Confirmed speaker; Need to get in touch with Durham County to put event on County calendar and weekly newsletter; Final flyer edits made

Commissioner Cameron made the motion to approve the July 2016 minutes with corrections and Commissioner Gabriel seconded. Motion approved.

Nomination for secretary tabled until next meeting.

**Guest Presentation**- Gloria De Los Santos from Action NC campaign to stand with women and families on the issues of reproductive justice and rights, maternity leave, and equal pay; An effort to train women leaders to know your worth, speak out, and demand leadership; A push for women to run for political office; Champion for ERA. Their family oriented campaign has been going on for the last four years to encourage voters to ‘vote your values’. Durham is the first to do a Women’s Equality Day resolution. They are working to get City Council and County Commissioners to get paid family leave in Durham, family caretaking and childcare/day care facilities on location. Events coming up: Chapel Hill- Triangle Proclamation 8/26 as Women’s Equality Day; October 10 – Recognition of Women’s right to vote- All women of all nationalities able to vote on this day in 1970.

**Next meeting- September 26, 2016 at 6:00 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruebe Holmes