



*Commission  
for Women*

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
October 1, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Roll Call**

Chair Capps called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M. The meeting was held at City Hall/Council Chambers, City of Solvang, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

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**First District: (One Vacancy)**

Laura Burton Capps (Chair)  
Gina Fischer

**Second District: (One Vacancy)**

Suzanne Peck  
Gail Teton-Landis

**Third District: (No Vacancies)**

Tracy Beard  
Deborah Dawicki

Fran Clow (Vice Chair)

**Fourth District: (One Vacancy)**

Martha Hight  
Cindy Litzinger

**Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)**

Gayle Pratt

**B. Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests**

Chair Capps welcomed Deepa Willingham, *Pace International*, to the meeting. Elizabeth Farnum, Administrative Assistant for Supervisor Doreen Farr, was in attendance.

**C. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**II. Regular Business**

**A. Approve: May 31, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Pratt made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Dawicki seconded the motion. Commissioners Hight, Fischer, and Peck abstained. The motion carried.

**Approve: September 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Commissioner Hight made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Beard seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**B. Announcements–All**

-Commissioner Pratt handed out the liability waivers for the Veterans Stand Down event.  
-Commissioner Teton-Landis announced a Domestic Violence Solutions event, October 5, 1:30 p.m., Bacara Resort, Santa Barbara.

**C. Accept Chair Report–Burton Capps**

Chair Capps provided updates on CFW committees.

**D. Review, Discuss & Act: BOS Annual Report–All**

The Commissioners discussed the presentation, including which Commissioners would be present on October 21 (Capps, Fischer, Peck, Teton-Landis, Beard), the need for more photos in the presentation, updates to the presentation that recognized topical and relevant titles for their goals and accomplishments. The deadline for revisions to the presentation and submission to the EEO Office is October 3.

**E. Review, Discuss & Act: Resource Guides–Peck**

Commissioner Peck wants to update the Resource Guides to include additional organizations and correct some discrepancies with outdated telephone numbers, names of organizations, etc... Commissioner Dawicki will work with Commissioner Peck on the updates.

**F. Presentation: Human Trafficking–Megan Riker-Rheinschild, County of Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force and Deepa Willingham, PACE Universal**

Deepa Willingham provided information on a national and global basis about human trafficking, specifically involving young girls. She also detailed the world's population levels for poverty (relative poverty= 4 people living on \$50-\$60/day; moderate poverty= living on \$3-\$5/day; and extreme poverty= living on \$1-\$2/day) and education (1/6 population are illiterate and 2/3 are women), which are contributing factors to human trafficking. Child human trafficking is the second largest criminal enterprise after drugs. Ms. Willingham founded a school in India, Piyali Learning Center. She recommended that CFW can help by: lobbying the government and other partners to develop laws and strengthen child protection legislation; work with communities, schools, faith based organizations; and get men involved.

Megan Riker-Rheinschild manages the Victim Witness Assistance program for the County. There are 80 people on the Tri-County Task Force. Ms. Riker-Rheinschild states that there is a lot of human trafficking on the Central Coast. SB1193 provides for public posting of human trafficking materials to raise awareness to the issue. She also reiterated the information provided by Ms. Willingham.

**G. Review, Discuss & Act: Committee Updates–All**

**1. Women in Leadership:**

The Commissioners provided an update from their Supervisors about the Gender Composition Report:

1<sup>st</sup> District: Supervisor Carbajal wants to commit \$1,000.00 to finalize the project, so that it includes an Executive Summary and more accurate findings.

2<sup>nd</sup> District: The Commissioners are meeting with Supervisor Wolf in the coming week.

3<sup>rd</sup> District: Supervisor Farr expressed support for the project.

4<sup>th</sup> District: The Commissioners are going to provide the information to Supervisor Adam in the coming week.

5<sup>th</sup> District: Commissioner Pratt has provided the information to Supervisor Lavagnino.

## **2. Mental Health:**

The County is expecting \$8M for various programs.

## **3. Events:**

Commissioner Pratt provided an update on Veterans Stand Down.

## **4. Executive:**

### **H. Meetings With Supervisors--All**

Commissioner Beard met with Supervisor Farr and there was a conversation about her support for the "Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women," which is an agreement that affirms principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world.

### **I. Other Business-All**

Commissioner Hight announced that the Santa Maria Chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW) is having a presentation on Human Trafficking at Hancock College and AAUW is bringing Opal Singleton, from Riverside, to speak on November 20. The cost of the presentation to AAUW is \$1,500.00.

**Commissioner Beard made the motion to donate \$250.00 to AAUW-IBC for the event. Chair Capps seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### **J. Agenda Items for next meeting-All**

-Gender Composition Report

-Tech Trek

## **III. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 5, City of Solvang.