



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 6:30-8:30pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call & Introductions

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Aeneas Bufiy, Sue Datta, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Manufou Liaiga-Anoai, Ellen Tafeen, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Karen Pyles, Ei Ei Samai, Susan Kokores, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff
- b. **Absent:** Anya Drabkin, Dana Linda, Melissa Lukin

3. Public Comment

- a. Kristy Camacho from Parks and Rec from South City

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve by Anisha Weber, seconded by Sue Kokores. Unanimously approved.

5. Approval of June Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve by Ei Ei Samai, seconded by Ellen Tafeen. Unanimously approved.

6. Commissioner Check-in

- a. What was one intention you set for yourself today?

7. RISE 2020 Virtual Conference (update)

- a. Most sessions are 60 minutes; interactive; some may be pre-recorded.
- b. All sessions have their own separate registration and Zoom link.
- c. Commissioners who are Moderating:
 - i. Nirmala Bandrapalli: Inspire Leadership in Elected Positions
 - ii. Anisha Weber: Women in the Workplace STEM & Nonprofit/Hospitality/Academia
 - iii. Ei Ei Samai: Women & Girls Mental Health & Wellness
 - iv. Maya Tussing: Inspire Leadership in Grassroots Community Engagement
 - v. Juda Tolmasoff: Women's Equality Day
 - 1. Supervisor Groom Welcome; 10-10:30 Focus on Voting & Women's Equality
 - 2. 10:30-11:30am: Poets RISE; Aileen Cassinetta is hosting a group of poets with a focus on Black Lives Matter
 - 3. Congresswomen Jackie Speier is 11:30a – 12p
- d. Marketing duo to help create a Campaign (Kate and Laura

- i. Goal is to have 1,000 attend in total.
- ii. Hooks: The Power of Coming Together. The Power of Women. The Power of YOU. Tools and materials will go out to you in a couple of weeks.
- e. Registration is for sessions, not for the entire week. Pick & choose what you want.

8. Economics of COVID-19 (update and action)

- a. Economic update by Maya Tussing:
 - i. Small business update
 - ii. Minority-owned business update
 - iii. Overview of who is receiving PPP; why women and minorities are falling through the cracks.
 - iv. Doing more with less (higher ROI) makes them more lucrative to invest in.
 - v. Minority owned businesses: help their community more; more positive.
- b. Fundraising Proposal by Tanya Beat: create mini fundraiser that can go toward SMC Strong and first create an adhoc small work group to look at this.
 - i. Maya Tussing; Susan Kokores; Nirmala Bandrapalli; Sue Datta; Ann Girard
 - ii. Ann Girard: just fundraising or can we make a recommendation to the County? Yes this group can create multiple proposals. For September mtg.
 - iii. Possible action during RISE 2020 conference.

9. August Commission Meeting (discussion and action)

- a. **Discussion:** Have August 25 meeting; conduct conversation to learn about issues that are important to the community. 1 hr mtg; majority of meeting is discussion of topics and break into small group. Then share out.
- b. **Motion to have August 25 Meeting:** by Anisha Weber. Seconded by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Unanimously approved.

10. Announcements

- a. Youth Advisory Group with Peninsula Health Care District (Cheryl Fama)
- b. Thrive Alliance: Vote, Voter, Voting session (Maya Tussing)
- c. CARES Act Funding: County provided \$2mil for child care (Christine Padilla) with Dave Pine and Carole Groom fully supporting this.
- d. Panel discussion on Prop 16, impact on API community (Manufou Liaiga Anoa'i).

11. Adjournment

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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