

DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION (DCWC)

MEETING SUMMARY

JANUARY 23, 2012

Present: Rosa Anderson, Sandra Davis, Carnetta Reid, Diana Freeman, Heidi Marks, Marissa Streyle, Jina Dhillon, Sharon Mullen, Jocelyn Harper

Absent: Lois Murphy, Stephanie Watson, Danielle Kowalczyk, Shonda Santos, Debra Wallace

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and began with introductions as three new members joined the meeting.

II. Treasurer's Report

Funding remains the same, except for small expenditures for nametags for new members.

III. Old Business

Commissioner Marks recapped the December DCWC meeting with Commissioner Howerton and described some ideas that were put forward as activities for the Commission. Those ideas include a get out the vote program (upcoming May elections for County Commissioners positions and gay marriage issue, and general election in November) and a non-partisan discussion forum with Commissioner Howerton on the role of women in Durham's strategic planning process.

IV. New Business

Moving forward with forum with Commissioner Howerton on March 8. It will be a low-key event, yet hopefully it will garner much attention. Councilwomen Carricker and Reckhow will also be invited. Aim is to host the event in a public meeting space, possibly one of the libraries. Focus of the forum is to provide Commissioner Howerton the opportunity to describe strategic planning and for input from women in the community. Important to bring women to the table so their voices may be heard about the future of Durham.

Commissioners will advertise the forum in our spheres of influence and through the Raleigh News and Observer and the Durham News. A flyer will be created to assist in advertising the event. The publication Carolina Parent and the radio station 103.9 The Light were also identified as good outlets for advertising.

At the next DCWC meeting format of the discussion will be developed.

Commissioner Streyle moved for approval of the November and December meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed by the Commission.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Mullen moved to adjourn at 7:06pm