

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the PIMA COUNTY/TUCSON WOMEN'S COMMISSION and to the general public that the PIMA COUNTY/TUCSON WOMEN'S COMMISSION Will hold the following meeting which will be open to the public

**Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission**  
**FULL COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – 5:30 PM

**LAR/Approved Minutes - AMENDED**

1. **Call to order:** 5:37 p.m.
2. **Roll call:** Present: A. Flick, chair; B. Smith, treasurer; M. Vianey Cardenas; J.P. Wilhite; M. Parham; M. Phininzy, A. Sykes. Excused: A. Schreiber, C. Lindsay. Absent: K. Wolferstetter, M. Caballero, A. Hernandez. Guests: Jana Bommersbach, Tony Zinman, Lisa Nutt, Heather Lappin.
3. **Reading of the minutes:** Tabled as we haven't received them from Lindsay before her maternity leave. The February meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. NO ACTION TAKEN
4. **Guest speaker:** Author and journalist Jana Bommersbach spoke about the rise of the suffrage movement nationally and in Arizona, to honor National Women's History Month. While eastern states were slow to give women the vote, Arizona and other western states were progressive in allowing women to vote. Arizona's suffrage movement began in 1897, when it was still a territory. As Arizona moved to become a state, suffragettes aggressively sought the vote. On Nov. 5, 1912, 68% of voters, all male, voted to give women the right to vote, the largest popular vote in the nation for women's right to vote. It became law that December. After Arizona became a state in 1914, several suffragettes were elected to Congress. When Congress passed the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, Arizona ratified it unanimously in one day with no debate. Of course, the vote didn't include women of color until years later, but strong female leadership in the nation and Arizona paved the way, Bommersbach said.
5. **Treasurer's report:**
  - a. Smith reported that the checking account stands at \$6,520.10 and the savings account at \$38,834.62, which includes the grant from the Community Food Bank for \$5,500.  
Tenants are current on rent.  
Flick moved to accept the treasurer's report. Parham seconded. MOTION PASSED
6. **Operations report:**
  - a. Smith and Flick discussed the Executive Committee discussion to restore full rent to tenants. Waivers had been issued allowing them to pay 50% of the rent during the pandemic, which meant the Commission lost \$7,000 in revenue last year. The waivers expired in January and since there was no January meeting due to lack of quorum, the tenants got no direction. One paid the full rent while the other paid half. Discussion followed. Parham moved to extend another waiver to Christine Widener, who has yet to return to her office space due to the pandemic, through June 30, 2020, unless circumstances change. Wilhite seconded. MOTION PASSES

- b. Flick was contacted by a prospective tenant and has an appointment to show the available spaces to her, which are Ste. A and Ste. D. Commissioners discussed being more aggressive in advertising vacant spaces. NO ACTION TAKEN
  - c. The Community Food Bank granted a \$5,500 grant to digitize the Commission's domestic violence survivors guide. The money must be spent by December 2021. Flick moved that the Commission create an ad hoc committee to get started on the project. Parham seconded. MOTION PASSED
7. **Officer transition plan:** Flick shared that Annie Sykes has been reappointed to her seat by Pima County Supervisor Adelita Grijalva, Dist. 1. Sykes confirmed that she returned her oath of office. Supervisor Matt Heinz's office contacted Flick for information on what the Commission does and assured that his appointment is forthcoming. Wilhite offered to contact the Ward 1 office and Flick offered to contact the District 1 office to inquire about their appointments. NO ACTION TAKEN
- a. **New Commissioners:** Prospective commissioners Tony Zinman and Lisa Nutt discussed their desire to join the Commission as at-large members and answered questions about their credentials and strengths. With Zinman and Nutt excused from the Zoom room, Commissioners discussed the prospective members' qualities and voted to accept both. Zinman and Nutt returned to the Zoom meeting and were welcomed to the Commission.
  - b. **Volunteers:** Flick was contacted by three women inquiring about volunteer opportunities on the Commission. All three were invited to the meeting. Lappin attended, but had to leave early. Flick will follow up with the three and extend an opportunity to serve on committees. NO ACTION TAKEN
8. **Call to the public:** None.
9. **New business:** No guest speaker has been set for the next Full Commission meeting. Commissioners were invited to suggest speakers for upcoming meetings.
10. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. The next meeting is set for March 21, 2021, for the Full Commission.

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