

Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission
Full Commission Meeting
Minutes - July 18, 2007

Commissioners Present: Adela Allen, Linda Azuelo, Gypsy Lyle, Barbara Clarihew, Barbara Epperson, Cathleen Becskehazy, Renee Palting, Kay White, Diana Jimenez-Young

Commissioners Absent: Josephine King, Dinah McGlory, Wendy Cevallos, Michael Mandel (leave), Isabella Soto, Samantha Paz, Vicki Evans

Staff Present: Kay White, Volunteer Special Assistant (VSA)

Public Present: Alice Kai, Mario Moreno, Jacquicola Lott Smith, DDS

Meeting called to order 5:30 p.m.

Call to Public: Public and commissioners introduced themselves. Alice Kai is interested in becoming a Youth Commissioner, Jacquicola is interested in becoming a Commissioner and Mario Moreno is Adela's grandson.

Last Minutes: Barbara moved that these Minutes be approved as submitted, Kathleen seconded; passed.

Announcements: NOW Luncheon will be held August 25 at the Arizona Inn. Renee moved that the commission place an ad in the luncheon program, Barbara E. seconded; passed. Adela and Kay will cover the \$50 cost of a quarter page ad. Commissioners decided through discussion that the Commission would not buy a more expensive ad in the GLBT booklet this year.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept by Renee; seconded by Gypsy; passed.

Executive Director's Report: Reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept by Renee, seconded by Linda; passed.

Volunteer Special Assistant's Report: Kay White discussed the fact that our two year-old evaporative cooler only has a one speed fan; therefore, the cooling inside our building is less than optimal. Staff has been reducing their hours and performing some work and returning calls from home when the temperature is over 85 degrees indoors. VSA and staff are acquiring estimates for central air conditioning. However, purchasing central air conditioning will be a challenge for the Commission. Our tenant, Agama Photography, has broken their lease and is planning to move out by the end of the month. VSA suggested purchasing one portable air conditioning unit at a cost of \$400 plus tax and shipping that would have hoses that would vent to the exterior as a temporary measure for staff's comfort. Kathleen moved to purchase a portable unit, Gypsy seconded; passed. Kathleen made a \$50 donation toward the purchase.

The next phase of our building restoration project will be flooring within the receptionist, office coordinator and kitchen areas. The environmental removal of linoleum floor tiles containing asbestos should occur within the next two weeks; movers will then move the furniture and return

same when the floor is finished; and, Rogo's should have the floor completed by August 10. This will provide adequate time for all of the work prior to our Open House on August 24th.

Applicants are being interviewed by the Search Team for our Executive Director position. Bilingual Spanish/English skills are a preference for the position but not a requirement. Kathleen and Renee requested that the Search Team include applicants who have bilingual skills in the interviews.

Committee Restructuring: During our Annual Retreat there was discussion regarding the need to break up the Education, Outreach and Fundraising Committee. Committees were rolled into one several years ago when there were fewer Commissioners. Gypsy moved to disband EOF, Renee seconded; passed. During our Strategic Planning at the Annual Retreat, a Women's Issues Committee chaired by Gypsy; a Development Committee chaired by Michael; and Education & Outreach Committee chaired by Vickie; and, Youth Committee chaired by Josephine were formed.

Events: Our Fetal Alcohol Conference and Open House continue in the planning stage.

Bylaws: Discussion was tabled pending the hire of our new Executive Director.

7:15 Adjournment: Kathleen motioned and Adela seconded: passed.

Submitted by Kay White