

**Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission  
Women's Issues Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 12, 2008**

**Adopted Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Gypsy Lyle, chair; Linda Azuelo, Cathleen Becskehazy, Barbara Clarihew, Kaitlin Meadows

**Staff present:** Monica Mueller, executive director

- 1) **Call to order:** 5:20 p.m. by Chair Lyle
- 2) **Agenda review:** No changes
- 3) **Call to public:** None present (Note: members of the Tucson GLBT Commission were not listed as "public" because of their presentation scheduled for this meeting.)
- 4) **Review minutes of February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting:** Becskehazy moved minutes be accepted; Azuelo seconded; passed unanimously.
- 5) **New business**
  - a. **Presentation on non-profit "MACUWA"** (Mothers Against Children Unsupervised with Alcoholics) – Presentation cancelled; representative of group unable to attend.
  - b. **Visit from GLBT Commission** for the purpose of problem solving – GLBT Commission members Pam Liberty, John-Peter Wilhite, Cindy Jordan-Nowe and Emory Nicoletti and Wingspan representative Elizabeth Burden.

Discussion of:

    - I) Perceived "slow" progress in Tucson Fire Department (TFD) diversity training.
    - II) Giving female TFD employees opportunity to attend a conference sponsored by Women in Fire Service.
    - III) Tucson Police Department's (TPD) Outside Review Committee and the need for such a committee for TFD. Information on the process TPD used to make the change to an outside board will be compiled, along with information from the Women in Fire Service organization. It was noted that Minneapolis, New York, Seattle and San Francisco among cities with outside review boards. Jordan-Nowe will contact fire departments in these cities for further information
    - IV) PCTWC to prepare a history of meetings Women's Commission representatives have had with TFD personnel and officials; Wingspan to be asked for a similar history.
    - V) Need to create a responsible "plan to recovery" with achievable goals and deadlines
- 6) **Old business**
  - a. Mueller will serve as liaison to Tucson Fire Department
  - b. Mueller will pursue internships with PCTWC for students or Vista volunteers
- 7) **Adjourn:** 6:40 p.m. Moved by Lyle, seconded by Clarihew; passed unanimously.