



## Frederick County Commission For Women

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### Public Meeting Minutes September 8, 2020 4:15 pm – Virtual Meeting

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Commissioners Present: Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Cindy Shubin, Melissa Atherholt, Karen Czapanskiy, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Valerie Dougherty, Carmen Kaarid, Kaitlin Moore, Chelsea Kadish, Maura Page, Rosario Campos

Commissioners Absent: Lois Jarman and Desiree Tucker

Guests: Pat Fleet, Lindsay Burdette, Lindsay Mickey, Erica Moore and Kelli Goetz

President Maura Page called the meeting to order at 4:21 pm, a quorum was present.

#### I. Executive Committee Report

a. Approval of the August meeting minutes. Marguerite Vacca-Kaye made a motion to accept the minutes. Chelsea Kadish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### II. Commission Business

##### a. Outreach:

- i. Lakshmi shared the Maryland Commission for Women Centennial Event was held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. There were 100 Shero Awards given out and 23 recipients were from Frederick County.
- ii. Chelsea and Lois organized the Votes for Women – Frederick event. Chelsea shared that approximately 50 people attended to take a photo with a banner celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage. The banner will make its final home at Heritage Frederick. The Commission for Women extends a thank you to Delegate Karen Lewis Young for use of the sashes that were utilized during the Maryland Assembly photo opportunity.

##### b. Legislative:

Karen said the committee was organizing a time to meet within the next week.

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Chelsea shared that Joy Schaeffer sent an email related to the items that we put forward will be brought up at the Town Hall on October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Frederick Delegation will hold their public hearing on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

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- c. SheLEADS – Carmen is going to assist Maura with SheLEADS. By the planning session, Carmen and Maura will have met with students involved to develop a plan for moving forward.
- d. Human Trafficking – there have been no updates, but Kaitlin coordinated Councilwoman Jessica Fitzwater to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.
- e. Recruitment – Shauna shared that we will be voting on the one vacancy in a closed session following this meeting.
- f. Marketing – Lakshmi shared that she will continue marketing on Facebook.
- g. New Business:
  - i. Melissa will send out a Doodle Poll related to our planning session to be held before the end of September.
  - ii. All Commissioners asked if we could move our meeting time to the evenings. 6:15 was the agreed upon time. Commissioners asked Kelli Goetz if it would be possible to host the meetings on Zoom instead of WebEx and she said she would look into this.

### III. Announcements:

- a. Maura asked everyone to spread the word on the Census. She is also signing the Frederick County Commission for Women for the Hood College Community Internship and Volunteer Fair.
- b. Chelsea and Karen shared that the mail in ballots need to be requested by October 20th. A list of sites for drop boxes will be posted soon.
- c. Lakshmi – nonprofit Aavanee online STEM learning every Saturday. Lakshmi said if anyone knows any child who is interested in science to refer them to her. The target ages are 7-13.

### IV. Closed Session

Melissa issued a doodle poll to the Commission to vote on a new member. Lindsay Mickey received the majority vote; therefore, her name was proposed to the County Executive for the one vacancy.

### V. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm

**Next public meeting will be held on October 13, 2020 at 6:15 pm.**

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