

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

HYBRID MEETING MINUTES **ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)**

The **Arlington CSW** convened its meeting at **7:11pm** on Thursday, November 11, 2022.

PRESENT	Chair Julia Tanner Commissioner Jeanine Finch Commissioner Caroline Gary Romano Commissioner Arbora Johnson Commissioner Kayli Nichols Commissioner Jordan Stevenson Commissioner Susan Strauss
PRESENT VIRTUALLY	Commissioner Rachel Johnston Commissioner Xenia Ruiz
ABSENT	Commissioner Marguerete Luter Commissioner Sasha Whitney
STAFF	Courtney Palmer Sales, Staff Coordinator

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Current and Old Business

- October is Native American History Month
 - Several native tribes lived in the Chesapeake Bay area. There are a disproportionate amount of missing and murdered indigenous women. Commissioner Tanner asked that Commissioners review available information on missing and murdered indigenous women.
- Approval of minutes
 - Due to a lack of quorum at previous meetings, July, Sept and Oct Minutes were not yet approved. All outstanding minutes were approved by motion.
 - Ayes: 7 Chair Julia Tanner, Commissioner Jeanine Finch, Commissioner Caroline Romano, Commissioner Arbora Johnson, Commissioner Kayli Nichols, Commissioner Jordan Stevenson, Commissioner Susan Strauss
 - Abstain: 1 Ruiz
- Commission on the Status of Women Materials
 - Commissioner Romano has put together:
 - A one-pager event calendar for CSW;
 - A one-pager on that describes the CSW;
 - A one-pager that details the event Take-Back the Night; and,

- A one-pager on Rally Against Rape.
 - CSW has updated rack cards and will look into County printing.
- Reported Data on Violence Against Women in Arlington
 - Commissioner Romano discussed several sources of County statistics regarding violence against women. She outlined certain discrepancies in data over time. Commissioner Tanner recommended identification of issues that could benefit from presentation to the Board.
- Teen Network Board Volunteer Invitation:
 - Commissioner Romano shared that the CSW is invited to attend the Teen Network Board Volunteer event on Saturday, November 19 from 11 am -2:30 pm at the Arlington Central Library. There was a motion on whether CSW should participate and table at the event:
 - Ayes: Unanimous
 - Commissioners Stevenson, Romano, Tanner, and Johnson expressed interest in staffing the CSW table at the event.
- Revenge Porn Task Force - no update.
- Financial Literacy Workshop:
 - Commissioner Strauss presented updates. Four speakers are confirmed: Tara Palacios (BizLaunch), Karen Rosales (Arlington Community Federal Credit Union), Aisha Salazar (VA Cooperative Extension), and Ann Summerson (the Wise Investor Group).
 - Commissioners discussed possible venues for the workshop, including the Central Library, the Columbia Pike Library, the Arlington Mill Community Center, and the Walter Reed Recreation Center.
- Biographies of Commissioners were discussed; two still outstanding should be sent to Commissioner Stevenson.
- Women of Vision:
 - Commissioner Finch shared progress on the event. She has confirmed the venue and is drafting a timeline. She asked Commissioners to consider whether a Youth award category could be added. Commissioner Nichols volunteered to join the Awards/Nominations Review Committee.
- Menstrual supplies in Arlington Public Schools (APS)
 - Commissioner Johnson reported that APS still is not supplying hygiene products in school bathrooms. Commissioners discussed potential options.
- Social/Holiday Gathering
 - Provided business is not discussed, informal meetings are not considered public meetings, and Commissioners can socialize.

Meeting adjourned at **8:55pm**.