

**Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Recap-November 10, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yvonne Fry.

Members present: Chair Yvonne Fry, Vice Chair India Witte, Linda D'Aquila, Ashley Carl, Kim DeBosier, Stacy Frank, Connie Gage, Ann Madsen, Mindy Murphy, Tee Solomon and Jennifer Whelihan

Absent: Denise Chavez, Dotti Groover-Skipper, Susan Leisner and Ann Porter

Additional attendees present: Caitlyn Peacock, Tampa Bay Network to End Hunger; Alison Barlow, Collaborative Labs; Mary Helen Farris, General Counsel and Renee Warmack, COSW Staff Liaison.

Approval of Meeting Recaps: A motion was made to approve the September and October COSW meeting recaps. The motion was unanimously approved.

Communications Update: Ms. Whelihan reported that COSW social media efforts have been ongoing. The next newsletter will be published in January/February, 2016.

Tiger Bay Club of Tampa Luncheon, Nov. 20, 2015: Chair Fry reviewed event logistics. She shared that Vice Chair Witte and Ms. Leisner promoted the event in an ABC News story. Sixty-five participants are registered. The attendance goal is 150.

Calendar: Ms. Warmack was asked to send a cancellation notice for the December 8, 2015 COSW meeting and schedule the next meeting for January 5, 2016. COSW officers will be selected at the January meeting. COSW meeting scheduling and the related language within the COSW Bylaws were discussed. Ms. Warmack was asked to research the status of proposed revisions to the COSW Bylaws. Members were encouraged to attend the December 9th COSW holiday gathering.

Friends of the COSW: Chair Fry shared that she is pleased with the proposed agreement between the Friends of the COSW and the County. Ms. Farris responded to members' questions. A motion was made to approve the agreement. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Warmack was asked to schedule a Friends of the COSW meeting on November 17th at 12:45 pm at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County for the Friends of the COSW to vote on the agreement.

Women's Hall of Fame (WHOF): Ms. Warmack distributed WHOF ballots and members voted for their top two nominees. Ms. Warmack collected and tabulated the ballots. Ms. Lee Bird Leavengood and Ms. Betty Reed received the most votes. A motion was made to approve that the two women be named the 2016 WHOF inductees. The motion was unanimously approved. It was requested that the winners be announced at the January 21, 2016 County Commission meeting. Ms. Warmack will prepare letters for Chair Fry's signature to those not selected; and send the WHOF planning template to Ms. D'Aquila who will complete it.

Advisory Council: Chair Fry led a discussion regarding final event logistics; and Ms. Peacock and Ms. Barlow shared their expertise. Chair Fry will donate \$250 to the event and encouraged other members to make a monetary contribution, as well. Ms. Warmack shared that the County's Communications department requested that the COSW pursue another resource for its photography needs at the event. Chair Fry stated that she had identified an outside source to take the photos.

Transportation Update: Kim DeBosier provided a GoHillsborough update; and members discussed the topic.

FCSW Update: Chair Fry shared that Mindy Murphy and Liz Kennedy were recognized as FCSW Florida Achievement Award recipients at a special luncheon in September. She reminded members that the Florida Commission on the Status of Women-Florida Women's Hall of Fame: Induction Ceremony takes place on January 27, 2016 at the Florida Capitol; and that Women's Day at the Capitol is January 28, 2016.

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Other Business: Chair Fry has been selected as a 2016 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Mindy Murphy made a motion that the COSW would nominate Liz Kennedy for a Junior League of Tampa Lumnaries award. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Murphy will prepare the nomination application.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fry.

** Staff directives underlined