

ARLINGTON COUNTY
 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
 May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting date/time: May 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm **Meeting location:** Azalea Conference Room
Minutes by: Margaret Patterson **Minutes approved:**

| <u>Commissioners</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Stephanie Dix Clifford (Chair) | X | |
| 2. Marguerete Luter (Vice Chair) | | X |
| 3. Caroline Romano | X | |
| 4. Amanda Herrmann | X | |
| 5. Sasha Whitney | | X |
| 6. Margaret Patterson | X | |
| 7. Jill Caiazzo | | X |
| 8. Azadeh Meshkaty | X | |
| 9. Xenia Ruiz | X | |
| 10. Marisa Peacock | X | |
| 11. Ingrid Vaicius | X | |
| Total | 8 | 3 |

| <u>County Liaison/Advisor</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Anthonia Sowho | | X |

Meeting called to order by/at: Stephanie Clifford at 7:07 pm.

Previous minutes were: Not Considered

Guest(s): Emily Zimmerman
 Briana Sewell, Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy
 Dp Cf Michael Dunne, ACPD
 Lt. David Green, ACPD
 Ashley Savage, ACPD
 Lt. Elisio Pilco, ACPD

Chair/Vice Chair

Stephanie Clifford, Chair and Marguerete Luter, Vice Chair.

1. Representatives from the Arlington County Police Department are here because we raised concerns about their press release following a human trafficking operation.
 - a. This was a proactive operation in partnership with the FBI focused on recovering children in sex trade. No children were recovered in this operation.
 - b. The police identified services before initiating raid. Lessons learned from a 2017 raid.
 - c. All persons were observed for signs of trafficking, but there was no indication that these individuals were. Officers had been previously trained on recognizing women being held against their will. the FBI digital analytics were also used to support recognizing women being held against their will. If there was any indication that they were being held against their will, they would have been referred to services.
 - d. The Commonwealth Attorney works to intervene after arrest if they are determined to be victims.
 - e. If ACPD sends a press release without names and mugshots, media will follow up. It's a public record which must be produced, so not including it in the first place would generate more work.
 - f. Because of publicity from this operation, ACPD has more connections with human trafficking resources at the State Department.
2. Charter Update

- a. Discussed the 2-year terms v. 3-year terms. Email to confirm if you want to be switched to a 3-year term. We will maintain some term limits.
3. Membership and Chairmanship Update
 - a. Chair will be confirmed by the Board in June, if you are interested in serving, please let Stephanie know.
 - b. Commissioners Peacock and Herrman are leaving the Commission.
4. CSW Liaison to Community Development Advisory Commission
 - a. Questions
 - i. When do they meet?
 - ii. Would it be a voting role?
5. Virginia Campaign for a Family Friendly Economy
 - a. Trying to standardize paid family and medical leave for 12 weeks. Six states and DC already have this in place.
 - b. They are a 501(c)3.
 - c. Asking for our assistance in publicizing an event. Not seeking any money from us, and they will not endorse any candidates at the event.
 - d. Commissioner Patterson moved that the Commission be a partner for the event. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Forums and Special Events Department

Jill Caiazzo, Caroline Romano, and Sasha Whitney, Event Coordinators

1. Rally Against Rape Recap
2. County Fair
3. Women in Business

Research and Investigation Department

Azadeh Meshkaty and Sasha Whitney, Co-Directors

None.

Public Relations Department

Marisa Peacock, Director and Meg Patterson, Deputy Director

None.

Women of Vision Committee

Marisa Peacock, Chair

Committee: Amanda Herrmann, Sasha Whitney, Caroline Romano, Jill Caiazzo, Marguerete Luter,

None.

Other New Business and Announcements

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:04 pm