

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

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MINUTES

Saturday, October 19, 1985

The meeting was held at 77 N. California St., Ventura, and was called to order by Co-Chair Jean Bush at 9:30 a.m.

I. Commissioners present:

Jean Bush
Raymond Clayton
Ginny Connell
Julie Elliott
Dot Engel
Brook Hubbell
Candace Matson
Arleen Rosenfield
Mary Silverman

Commissioners excused:

Tila Estrada
Louise Grethel
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Sandra Ryder
Martha White

We welcome Arleen Rosenfield to the Commission. She was appointed by Supervisor Susan Lacey and is from Ventura.

Guests:

Bonnie Warrington, Friends; Isabel Wright; Lee Anderson, Diane Koranda, Friends; Margo Koss, California Lutheran College Center for Economic Research; Gloria Madrid.

- II. The minutes of September 14 were accepted as revised. Delete from page 3, paragraph 5: "Friends will do a mailing."
- III. The following figures were not available for the meeting. However, as of Oct. 11, 31% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 13% of level I funds spent (salaries & benefits) and 15% of level II funds spent (services & supplies). These percentages reflect the adjusted appropriations to our budget to cover printing costs for the Needs Assessment report and the addition in the future of a part-time staff person.
- IV. Executive Secretary's Report

A typed correspondence report was distributed to each Commissioner. Copies are available on request. Commissioner Matson, Executive Secretary, will respond to letters of resignation from Mary Jane Johns and Julie Elliott, to Vivian Stephenson, financial consultant, who offered to help with the five year plan workshops, to Diane Bury, Santa Barbara County Commission for Women regarding plans for activities and projects for the coming year and to Supervisor Erickson regarding the Program Description for the California Child Care Initiative. Other items received include: Project Hometown America application for funding for community projects. Contact Lee Anderson, President of the Friends, 496-8470.

V. Friends of the Commission

President Lee Anderson reported that the plans for the "Salute to Women" Awards banquet are all on track. The deadline for general reservations was extended to Oct. 25. Requests for VIP reservations should be referred to Lee Anderson at 496-8470.

Jaffra Cosmetics has contributed \$50 to the Friends for the banquet. C. Matson will respond to Jaffra.

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Commission will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 7:30 p.m., 2220 Ventura Blvd., Camarillo. That address is the old Camarillo City Hall, now a PSSA-Senior Nutrition Program building.

VI. Committee Reports

A. "Salute To Women"

Commissioner Matson discussed responsibilities of the commissioners who will be acting as hostesses at the banquet for the award recipients.

M/S/P, Connell: to introduce only Commission/Friends of the Commission Sponsors at the banquet.
Commissioner Elliott dissented.

B. Needs Assessment

Commissioner Connell announced that contributors of large amounts to the costs of the needs assessment (\$500 or more) would be recognized in the printed program for the awards banquet.

C. Child Care

Commissioner Hubbell spoke on employer-assisted child care at the Business & Professional Women's Conference in Solvang.

Each commissioner received a fact sheet from Sen. David Roberti on child care issues, along with a survey form from ChildNet.

Commissioner Engel, who is a member of the United Way Child Care Taskforce, reported on the work being done by them. A draft of their final report will be reviewed at their next meeting on Oct. 30. After acceptance of the report by the United Way board, recommendations will be made to the board. Proposed recommendations are: 1) To establish a Child Care Congress- an independent body of child care advocates; 2) to establish an employer-supported child care education program. The Commission for Women would play a major role in this area. 3) To develop a model child care ordinance such as the ones in San Francisco and Concord; 4) To establish a Ventura County Child Care Trust Fund administered by United Way to provide grants for various child care projects.

D. Public Relations

A committee was established to work with Communications Officer Sandy Ryder to define the purposes of the newsletter. Committee members are: Candace Matson, Ginny Connell and Bonnie Warrington. A report will be made at the January meeting.

E. Women's History Task Force

Commissioner Connell reported on the Women's History Workshop which was held on Oct. 11 & 12. There were 13 participants. While we wish the number had been larger, those who were there had good energy and participation and the presentation by Molly MacGregor was excellent.

The American Living History Theater will present "Past The Morning Star" on Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Preuss-Brandt Forum in the new library building at California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks. "Past The Morning Star" is a one-woman show, a historical retrospective of American women. Preceeds from the evening will establish a fund for women's history projects and activities. The cost is \$5 per person (\$3 for students).

Please reserve seats in advance. Call Ginny Connell, 495-5590 or Martha Baskerville, Commission office, 652-6411, or at 484-9604.

Commissioners are asked to encourage attendance for this event.

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Housing

Commissioner Clayton reported on the work to date of the committee. Minutes were distributed. Committee members are continuing to gather information on the housing situation in Thousand Oaks. The groups in Thousand Oaks which are planning an initiative to limit certain types of housing construction for as long as 5 years may become more focused on one particular project as a result of an unfavorable Environmental Impact Report on that project. The ad hoc committee will continue to monitor the situation.

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Commissioner Bush reported that the computer matching of lists of county employees and delinquent child support payers from the district attorney's office is in process.
- B. Staff distributed updated information to be included in the members' manuals. Commissioners are asked to review the proposed Commission calendar for 1986 and to submit additional information or make changes by calling the commission office.

VIII. New Business

- A. Commissioner Engel suggested a letter be sent from the Commission to the Commission on Human Concerns to clearly define responsibilities for our 5-year plan projects, to avoid duplication of effort and to set mutually arrived-at goals. She also suggested that letters of agreement/memos of understanding be sent to other groups with which we will be working in the development of various projects.
- B. Commissioner Mary Silverman offered to serve on the Domestic Violence Services Monitoring Committee.
- C. M/S/P Hubbell, Silverman: to seek resolutions from the appointing Supervisors to be presented to retiring/resigning commissioners.

Staff will follow-up.

- D. Commissioner Rosenfield will locate a donor for commission nametags for new commissioners.

IX. Announcements

"Sanity, Success & Dinner by Six" is the title of a working women's conference sponsored by a number of organizations. Date: Saturday, November 9, 8:30 am - 5 pm. Proceeds will benefit the activities of the Ventura College Re-Entry Center. Cost is \$30 per person. Some scholarships available. Call Ventura College, 642-3211, ext. 286 for registration information.

At 11:10 the official meeting dissolved to a committee of the whole.

Commissioner Bush discussed the various elements involved in the planning process and the elements to consider. Sample timelines for different projects were distributed and discussed.

Coordinators for the five major priority issues were identified:

Housing - Ginny Connell

Education - Candace Matson

Counseling - Mary Silverman

Child Care - Brook Hubbell (suggested)

Divorced Women/Female Heads of Households - Arleen Rosenfield

The coordinators will proceed with plans for the projects in their priority area.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

10/28/85
Martha Baskerville
Commission Staff