

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Kalana O Maui, 4th Floor, Conference Room
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Minutes

I. Call to order and establishment of quorum

Chair Prey called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Present: Chair Lois Prey, Vice Chair Margaret Bruck, Suzanne Hobbs, Barbara Potopowitz, Jenilynne Salvador

Staff: Shelley Pellegrino (Mayor's Executive Assistant)
Jeffrey Ueoka (Deputy Corporation Counsel)
Emme Cabacungan (Administrative Assistant)

Excused: Eleanora Cochran and Carol Summers

II. Approve minutes from the October 20, 2009 meeting

Ms. Potopowitz motioned to approve the October 20, 2009 meeting minutes and the November 17, 2009 meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Bruck seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Baldwin High School Softball Team

- **Discussion on Making a Statement Regarding War Memorial Regional Complex Field 1**

Chair Prey amended the agenda to move Item VI to become Item III.

Vice Chair Bruck stated that at its November meeting, the Committee was first made aware of the Baldwin High School (BHS) field issue, namely that the County had asked the BHS girls softball team to relocate its traditional practice and playing field to accommodate Little League teams. The team questioned the County's decision, asserting that the field was not satisfactory for girls softball, and claiming that the decision violated Title IX.

Vice Chair Bruck stated that she had contacted Jill Nunokawa, Title IX Coordinator at the University of Hawaii, who advised Vice Chair Bruck that the gender of the teams should be considered when evaluating field usage. According to Vice Chair Bruck, Ms. Nunokawa felt that the girl's team should have been provided equal access to the fields.

The Committee heard public testimony from Joe Duran (Baldwin High School Softball Coach), Susan Nobriga (parent of a BHS Softball player), and Patricia Rocco (Parks Department Representative).

Coach Duran advised the Committee that the Parks Department did provide the softball team with a field, but that the team was having problems getting that playing field reconditioned to girls softball standards.

Vice Chair Bruck asked whether all the issues that previously had been brought up were now addressed, except for getting the playing field up to par. Coach Duran responded that

the County has been working with the team to address the issues (e.g., open dug outs, bull pens, fencing), but with the softball season starting soon, time was becoming a factor.

Ms. Rocco advised the Committee that the Parks Department is working with the team to address each of the issues raised. Coach Duran agreed.

Ms. Potopowitz suggested sending a letter from the Committee to check up on the progress reconditioning the field.

Mr. Ueoka advised the Committee to send the letter to Tamara Horcajo, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Vice Chair Bruck moved that Ms. Potopowitz draft a letter to Director Horcajo and Mr. Duran to support their efforts to get the playing field ready by February 1, 2010. Ms. Hobbs seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to pass the motion.

IV. Report from State Commission on the Status of Women Representative Anna Mayeda

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

V. Women's History Month 2010

- **Request Proclamation from Mayor for Women's Health Month**

Ms. Potopowitz distributed to the Committee a sample proclamation from the Nation Women's History Month website and modified it with items that relate to Maui County.

Vice Chair Bruck moved that the draft proclamation be transmitted to the Mayor's Office for consideration. Ms. Salvador seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

- **Selection of Nominees**

Ms. Potopowitz advised Committee that there had only been one person nominated to be in the booklet to date. One suggestion that had come up in a prior meeting was that because it is the 30th Anniversary of National Women's History Month, the Committee should pick 30 women to be included in the booklet.

Ms. Potopowitz drafted a press release asking the public to submit names of women to honor in the booklet. The deadline to submit names is February 10, 2010.

Ms. Pellegrino advised Ms. Potopowitz that the Committee should submit the draft press release, along with a form summarizing the information in the release, to the Public Information Office. Ms. Potopowitz indicated she would submit the information immediately.

- **Presentation by Subcommittee**

Members of the subcommittee include: Vice Chair Bruck, Ms. Potopowitz, and Ms. Salvador.

- **Layout of Booklet**

Ms. Potopowitz briefed the Committee on the booklet layout, and that it will be completed once the Committee has confirmed the number of women to be honored. Booklet pages will be double sided.

Mr. Ueoka advised the Committee that it should take an official vote on layout of the booklet at its next meeting.

- **Reception Details**

Ms. Salavador confirmed the reception will be held on March 3, 2010 at the Maui Research & Technology Park in the MEDB training facility (The Malcom Center). The Committee can begin setting up as early as 2:00 p.m. The Committee decided it will provide light refreshments (cookies, juice, water, etc.). Access to all of the training facility's resources, such as PowerPoint and the Internet, will be provided.

Ms. Potopowitz inquired as to who to contact to invite the Mayor. Ms. Pellegrino advised that Committee should contact the Mayor's secretary (Grace Ishii) via phone and should also send a written invitation to the Mayor.

- **Event Budget**

Ms. Potopowitz advised the Committee that the State Commission on the Status of Women has committed to giving \$1,000 towards the printing of the booklet. The Committee just has to acknowledge the State Commission in the booklet.

Ms. Salvador added that MEDB Women in Tech is sponsoring the facilities so there will be no charge for the usage.

Vice Chair Bruck offered to purchase two to three flower arrangements for the reception.

Sub-committee suggested the Committee donate refreshments.

The Subcommittee recommended that the Committee provide leis for all the honorees, and estimated the cost at \$300. Vice Chair Bruck moved that the Committee request \$300 from the Mayor to pay for leis. Ms. Hobbs seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion.

VI. Draft Budget Request

- **Fiscal Year 2010 (July 01, 2009 – June 30, 2010)**

Vice Chair Bruck advised the Committee that instead of requesting \$1,000 from the Mayor for the Women's History Month event, the Committee will be requesting \$300.00.

Ms. Potopowitz requested that the budget request list donations that the Committee received for Women's History Month, including \$1000 from the State Commission, usage of the Don Malcolm Center from MEDB Women in Technology program (Ms. Salvador to advise on the fees for the usage), and donations from Committee members for flowers and refreshments.

Ms. Cabacungan agreed to pass out revised budget request handout at the next meeting.

- **Fiscal Year 2011 (July 01, 2010 – June 30, 2011)**

Mr. Ueoka questioned whether the Committee would be sending the Mayor a budget request for Fiscal Year 2011.

Vice Chair Bruck suggested that the Committee request \$1,500 for Fiscal Year 2011, assuming the Committee will be doing the same projects for next year.

Ms. Pellegrino reminded the Committee that traditionally there is no line item in the Mayor's budget for this Committee, but the Mayor has been able to set aside money from the Mayor's budget for the Committee's needs. It is at the Mayor's discretion to approve or disapprove the Committee's request to expend funds. By providing the Mayor with budget information in advance, the Committee provides the Mayor with information about what the Committee may be asking for during the next fiscal year.

Chair Prey suggested that the Committee request \$2,000 for Fiscal Year 2011.

Ms. Hobbs moved that the Committee draft a budget for Fiscal Year 2011 in the amount of \$2,000. Ms. Potopowitz seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the motion. Vice Chair Bruck volunteered to draft the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

VII. Discussion on Women's Resource Guide

Chair Prey sectioned off the brochure in which Committee members will call organizations to update contact information.

Ms. Salvador suggested that the Committee include websites of as part of the contact information if organizations have them.

Ms. Pellegrino asked whether the Committee had decided who would be doing the layout of the brochure. Ms. Salvador volunteered to do the layout.

Ms. Cabacungan advised the Committee that the last time the resource guide was printed, there was 5,000 copies ordered at a cost of \$804.

Ms. Salvador asked whether the Committee could outsource vendors from Oahu. Committee staff agreed to look into it.

Ms. Pellegrino advised the Committee that there are two prongs in the resource guide: its creation and its distribution. She recommended that the Committee consider placing more effort on the distribution than it has in the past.

Vice Chair Bruck requested that Committee add to the next meeting's agenda the distribution of the resource guide so that the Committee has a plan.

VIII. Discussion on Goals of the Committee

- **Review Committee Mission Statement**

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

IX. Other Business

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

X. Determine next meeting date and agenda

The next meeting date is February 16, 2010.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.