Committee on the Status of Women
Kalana o Maui, Mayor’s Conference Room
Tuesday, March 27, 2013
Minutes

I. Call To Order And Establishment Of Quorum
Chair Potopowitz called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM

Present: Chair Barbara Potopowitz, Vice-Chair Maria Ornellas, Dennyse Grace, Carol Reimann, Suzanne Hobbs, Debra Cabebe, Susan “Netra” Halperin

Ex-Officio Present: Leslie Wilkins

Staff: Bill Medeiros, Executive Assistant
Jennifer Oana, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Michelle Esteban, Administrative Assistant

II. Public Testimony
Chair Potopowitz deferred to the next meeting with no objections.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from the March 19, 2013 Meeting
Chair Potopowitz deferred to the next meeting with no objections.

IV. Correspondence
Chair Potopowitz deferred to the next meeting with no objections.

V. Items for Review/Discussion/Action of Committee
A. Women’s History Month Awards and Reception
1. Mayor Alan Arakawa read the proclamation and made special remarks about the importance of Women’s History.
2. Vice Chair Ornellas introduced Women’s History Month and the criteria. She announced the winners of this year’s event and those who nominated them:
   a. Young Woman of Promise: Amber Kukuileiwilimomi Afelin
      i. Nominated by Kimberly Svetin
   b. Woman of Excellence: Vicki Soo Hoo
      i. Nominated by Lynn Araki-Regan
   c. Career Achievement: Isla Young
      i. Nominated by Emily Haines-Swatek
   d. Unsung Hero: Cecelia M. Romero
      i. Nominated by Graham DeVey
3. Vice Chair Ornellas recognized all the women and girls nominated including Flaviana Ancheta, Rhiannon “Rae” Chandler, M. Theresa David, Carrie Demott, Teri Edmonds, Emily Haine-Swatek, Robin Knox, Sadie Mossman, Robyn Nishida Nakao, Theresa Romme, Stacie Williams, Stephany Flores-Ramos, Oksana Gil, Kyllie Hisashima, Taylor Hori, and Ashley Kawagishi.
4. Vice Chair Ornellas introduced special guests who represented dignitaries of our state including JoAnn Iñamasu represented Governor Neil Abercrombie, Yuku Lei Sugimura represented United States Senator Mazie Hirono and Karey Kapoli represented United States Representative Tulsi Gabbard.

5. Commissioner Grace introduced and recognized Eileen Parkman, nine years old. Ms. Parkman received a special award, “Defender of the Defenseless,” for standing up before bullies who were threatening and taunting an autistic child.

6. Chair Potopowitz closed the event with special remarks.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM