

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
KALANA O MAUI, MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, August 19, 2014
MINUTES

I. Call To Order And Establishment Of Quorum

Deputy Thomson called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

Present: Molly Murawski, Carol Reimann, Susan "Netra" Halperin, Tina Gomes,
Leigh Fitzgerald, Sheila Rae Kelley

Excused: Jennifer "Mino" McLean

Ex-Officio Excused: Leslie Wilkins

Staff: Mercedes D. Neri, Executive Assistant
Jerrie Sheppard, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Michelle Esteban, Administrative Assistant

II. No Public Testimony

III. No Correspondence Received

Letter from HGEA, from Karin Phaneuf will be discussed in Item V.

IV. Review and Approve Minutes from May 20th, 2014 Meeting

Commissioner Kelley moved and Commissioner Fitzgerald seconded the motion to accept May 20th, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

V. Joyce Yamada, Speak about 4-H Club

Chair Murawski contacted her, but no response. Commissioner Gomes suggested sending her a formal letter to next meeting.

VI. Items for Discussion/Review/Action

A. Letter to Council Chair Gladys Baisa requesting transmittal to Riki Hokama , Chair of the Committee on Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs ("PIA"), requesting the committee's attention to gender pay equity

Chair did not receive a response. Committee will draft another letter to Riki Hokama.

B. Discussion and action related to representation by the Commission on the Status of Women ("CSW") at future PIA committee meetings considering gender pay equity matters.

Chair asked if anyone would like to volunteer and attend the PIA committee meetings considering gender pay on September 5.
Commissioner Reimann volunteered

Commissioner Fitzgerald moved and Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion to send Commissioner Reimann to the next PIA committee meeting on September 5. Motion carried.

Chair shared a letter that Ms. Karin Phaneuf, Public Works, have sent regarding “Repricing of Clerical Classes – County of Maui”. She shared that Ms. Phaneuf has been working through Mr. Lance Hiromoto, Director of the Department of Personnel Services but Mr. Hiromoto has been saying that it is HGEA’S issue.

Commissioner Gomes shared that this issue is a class action type of situation, it would fall on Mark Kirchoff the County of Maui, Union Representative. She shared that it would be HGEA’s push when it comes to negotiations with the County.

C. Letter to Leslie Wilkins requesting Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women grant funds for 2015 CSW programs and events

Ms. Esteban explained the process of the grant funds. Ms. Esteban will ask Mr. Bob Straub for instructions on how to obtain money.

D. “Rise of the Wahine” documentary, Chair Murawski

Chair will follow up.

E. Letter to Mayor Arakawa regarding improving Affirmative Action Committee (per Karin Phaneuf request)

Chair tabled until we have more information.

F. Update from the Domestic Violence Awareness Temporary Investigative Group, Commissioners Kelley and Fitzgerald

Commissioner Kelley distributed an outline of the event. She sent Corporation Counsel the contract from the Queen Kaahumanu Center. She also shared that they would like Cathy Collins to emcee.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick shared she will have students to help with the activities table for children. Commissioner Gomes mentioned the high school peer groups.

Commissioner Kelley asked about marketing the event. Commissioner Gomes suggested, Maui News Community, PSAs, and Queen Kaahumanu Center, the PIOs in Facebook, etc. Commissioner Reimann suggested Jaime Kane and Lois Whitney to help us with promoting the event.

Commissioner Halperin suggested inviting politicians. Commissioner Kelley said it has to be determined if we are having them speak. Commissioner Kelley volunteered to draft general letter.

Deputy Sheppard read through the contract. Commissioner Kelley shared that the CSW is covered by the County Insurance. She will also contact the other agencies and suggested having a meeting with all agencies who are participating. Commissioner Halperin suggested creating a spreadsheet with what the agencies can and cannot do.

G. Discussion of potential event/program for Active Aging Week in September.

Chair suggested in doing an event in May 2014. Commissioner Reimann suggested partnering up with MEO and AARP. Commissioner Kelley suggested partnering up with Office on Aging and Kaunoa.

H. Improving/Updating the Committee on the Status of Women website (Maui County)

Chair tabled to September

**VII. Determine Next Meeting Dates and Agenda
September 23, 2014 12 Noon- 2 PM**

1. Sample flier for distribution
2. Women of Excellence
3. Soroptomist
4. Domestic Violence Awareness

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Gomes moved and Commissioner Reimann seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. 1:30 PM