1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:03 pm

Members Present:
Chair Kate Griffiths
Vice-Chair Nalani Kanai
Jessica Crouse
Sheron Bissen
Pili Naho’oikaika
Leonora Espaniola
Stacey Moniz, Ex-Officio, Hawai’i State Commission on the Status of Women

Absent:
Ki’i Kaho’ohanohano

Staff Present:
Christie Trenholme, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Rochelle Ines, Secretary
LeeAnn Nomura Matsui, Secretary

2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items
There was no public testimony.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022 was deferred to March meeting.

4. State Ex-Officio Report – Stacey Moniz
   • The Legislation that was going to help move 911 dispatchers to or from clerks to the first responder status, and the report to the legislature regarding that ACT 63 came out and in fact, they found that they were already classified properly and paid accordingly.
     o Talked to David Ricardo from Police Department, they will now send it to the Counties. Each County dispatchers operate in a different way and so the Big Island is already on their way to fixing that issue.
     o Will forward to the State Commission on the Status of Women request that they send letters supporting those changes to the different Counties.
Old Business

5. Presentation by Maui County Police Chief John Pelletier

Chair Griffiths welcomed the Chief and summarized the 14 concerns talked about during the Round table discussion on “Recommendations to the Administration related to police procedures and women at traffic stop” that CSW held on September, 14 2021 with Ka Hale A Ke Ola, Women Helping Women, Maui Behavioral Health Resources (includes Aloha House and Malama Family Resource Center, and Parents and Children Together (PACT):

1. Police Training/Annual recall training and critical incident training
2. Traffic Stop Procedures
3. Police not responding to calls
4. Police Behavior
5. Female Officers to be present at traffic stop or any situation when a woman is involved
6. Women to Men Ratio of the staff of police
7. Domestic Violence Response Team Funding
8. Domestic violence unit need more officers
9. Females getting harassed at check points
10. Training on what to do if there are kids in the car, at a traffic stop, and the mother of the kids gets arrested
11. Police asking favors to make tickets go away
12. Body Cameras
13. Special Training for domestic violence and sex assault cases
14. People’s rights to be explained so they can understand their rights and how to handle stuff when the police come’s to their door

Chair Griffiths then addressed the three questions on the invite:
   A. MPD Procedures/Policies - Traffic Stops specific to women citizens
   B. MPD Department Training – Behavior specific to women citizens
   C. Partnerships between MPD and Women’s Organizations

Police Chief Pelletier answered the first two questions explaining they did not have special training on how they treat women, and that they treat everyone equally. The Police Chief pledged his commitment to bettering the community and making sure everybody feels protected and acknowledged that the agency did house a predator that preyed on women and was subsequently convicted. For the third question, the Police Chief stated he has no problem connecting, talking, and communicating with women organizations, but has done so yet. In answering members questions, the Police Chief said that uniform patrol officer sergeants should one hundred percent wear body cams, acknowledged past misconduct, explained how he wanted to focus on de-
escalation, and the greatest need in the force today is staffing and recruitment. Chair Griffiths said that CSW could possibly help to promote more women joining MPD. Member Bissen expressed the need to build a bigger bridge to break down the lack of trust between the Maui Police Department and the female residents. The Police Chief agreed, stating that the meeting was the first stone and pledged to do everything he could to help in every way to truly build that bridge.

Chair Griffiths ended the meeting stating that she hoped this is the beginning of a new dawn.

6. Update on Women of Excellence Recognition Event
   - Received fifteen applications
   - Member Bissen and Member Nahooikaika to review applications
   - Discuss and decision with Committee on nominees and approval of winners
   - There could be more than one winner in each category
   - Request special meeting to discuss nominees
   - Request to increase budget to $1,200 - $1,500
     - Everyone receives a gift. Gifts that are made by women in businesses here on Maui (Scarfs, Bags, Glass Poi Pounder)
   - Member Bissen to calculate how much everything will cost
   - Event will be virtual
   - Invite Mayor and Ms. Jocelyn Victorino

7. Midwifery Bill Update – Ex-Officio Stacey Moniz
   Updates on the Legislature:
   - Midwifery Bill: I just want to say thank you to everybody that testified or sent in testimonies. There was quite a showing from Maui. We did a wonderful job representing our community. The Bill did not pass, it is getting sent to a Task Force for review.
   - Menstrual Equality passed and has a house bill that is being heard today. It will make period products available to the schools for free.
   - State Commission has a lot of bills going, including support for human trafficking survivors and sex trafficking survivors.

8. Discuss Budget for Fiscal Year 2023
   Chair Griffiths reviewed the Committee's budget proposal explaining that their request of $9,000 would be used to help fund the following:
   1. Domestic Violence Awareness fair - $1,000
   2. MMIW Event - $1,000
   3. Women’s Survey and Women’s Resource Guide - $500
   4. Tote Bag Give-Away - $3,000
5. Committee Travel Expense - $750
6. Community Round Tables - $250
7. Women's Voting Initiative - $2000
8. Growing our women in community, culture, and careers - $500

New Business

9. Agenda Setting
   The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:
   1. Updates and Decision for the Women of Excellence Award Nominees
   2. Discuss Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 Letter to the Mayor

10. Announcements
   Next meeting will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 12:00pm, online via Blue Jeans

11. Adjournment
    The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.