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Municipality of Anchorage Anchorage Women's Commission



AWC Meeting 1/14/2021 5:30 – 7:00 pm Microsoft Teams online meeting

Present: Jackie Cason, Margaret Duggan, Monica Elkinton (Co-chair), Kami Hutchins (AHD Liaison), Cambria Patz (AHD host), Joan Ryan (Chair)

I. Call to Order

- Quorum established and Call to Order at 5:33 pm

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda (Monica)
- 2nd to approve agenda (Joan)

IV. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve (Jackie)
- 2nd to approve (Margaret)

V. Old Business

- New Commissioners (Margaret)
 - We have two new commissioners: Leslie Vines and Sheri Lisenbee.
 - I will ask Jason to send their emails to Cambria.
 - I understand there is one more, but we are waiting for approval from the Assembly.

VI. Public Comments

- No public comments.

VII. New Business

- Re-cap of 2020 (Joan)
 - January: We started with the call for nominations for the [Alaska Women's Hall of Fame](#).
 - February: No meeting.
 - March: AWC was recognized by the Assembly for Women's History Month, and we brainstormed for 2020 during the meeting.
 - April: No meeting.
 - May: Myself and Monica became Chair and Co-Chair.
 - June: Clara Park retired, and no meeting was held.
 - July: Anita stepped down from the commission, and we started advertising events and information that benefit women.

- August: We submitted the 2019 end of year letter, and the meeting was short.
- September: Margaret had the idea to invite Assembly Members to the meetings.
- October: Representative Tarr presented to us about the CARES Act.
- November: We had our first guest Assembly Member, Pete Petersen, and he spoke in length about the questions we asked.
- December: Assembly Member Verdia was our guest, and we submitted the letter to the Mayor.
- We agreed that all things considered, we still got quite a bit done.
- Joan: We should send the new commissioners the packet of duties that Clara had.
- Margaret: I think it would be interesting to see the statistics for the increase of domestic violence during hunker downs and see if we can do anything about it.
- Monica: So much of the DV misdemeanors are so closely tied to alcohol, so changing the alcohol availability for residents made a big difference on the number of cases being prosecuted. Also made a huge difference in DUIs.
- Upcoming events (All Commissioners)
 - Joan: Jackie wrote about the deadline tomorrow for the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame.
 - Monica: An event that just occurred that Jackie had a big part in was a Mayor's forum for mayoral candidates, it was recorded, and I will link it in the chat box. It was all about issues related to women and families.
 - Jackie: They received questions in advance, and I thought they all gave thoughtful responses.
 - We agreed that we can share this on our FB page because all candidates were invited and had the opportunity to come.
 - Monica will share the recording on FB.
 - Monica: Students k-3rd will be attending school next week; each school has their own contingency plan. I know there has been some frustrations from teachers and parents, especially with how to keep the kids masks on and keep them safe.

VIII. Adjournment, 6:04 pm

Monica, Jackie second

IX. Next Meeting – February 11, 2021 5:30 to 7:00 pm