



Anchorage Women's Commission



AWC Meeting 03/03/2022 4:00pm – 5:30 pm Microsoft Teams online meeting

Commissioners Present: Jackie Cason (Chair), Sheri Lisenbee (Vice-Chair), Valerie Chadwick, Heather Clopton, Margaret Dugan, Monica Elkinton, Alexis Johnson, Renee Scott, Leslie Vines, Kami Hutchins (AHD Liaison), Chelsea Riggs (AHD Host)

I. Call to Order

- Quorum established & Call to Order at 4:04pm

II. Land Acknowledgement

III. Introductions

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda (Chair Cason)
- 2nd to approve (Vice-Chair Lisenbee)

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve January 2022 minutes (Commissioner Elkinton)
- 2nd to approve (Commissioner Duggan)

VI. Old Business

VII. Public Comments

- No public comments

VIII. New Business

- Review the Commission's Purpose and past annual summary letters
 - Discussion on hosting events or forums to promote entrepreneurship for women, encouraging girls to consider future careers in government and other leadership positions.
 - Discussion on establishing a presence at events, use them as an opportunity to listen to the needs of local women and families and learn more about the issues that are impacting them.
 - Creation of a central calendar with all events hosted by various committees and the Municipality. Commissioner Johnson will work on this with Communications at City Hall.
- Planning for speakers to attend future meetings
 - Peg Tileston, "What's Up" digest

- Emily Edenshaw, Alaska Native Heritage Center
 - Kim Koval, Governor's Office
 - Representatives from groups who work with immigrants and refugees
 - Cultural/religious leaders from the community
- Criminal Justice/Domestic Violence Division Update (Commissioner Elkinton):
 - DV Division handles between 2-5,000 cases per year. Due to COVID, there is a two-year trial back up, but trials have resumed recently.
 - Discussion on the [cycle of abuse](#), [legal aid resources](#) available to victims, the [Anchorage Community Emergency & Advocacy Resources booklet](#), [housing assistance available to victims of domestic violence](#). The Commission plans to publicize these resources to improve their accessibility.
- Events:
 - Chair Cason accepted the [Assembly Resolution Recognizing March 2022 as National Women's History Month](#) on behalf of the Anchorage Women's Commission. Her remarks can be read [here](#), and a recording of her acceptance can be found [here](#).
 - [Alaskan Indigenous Leaders Women's Day Panel](#)
Bear Tooth Theater, March 8th 12-1pm
 - [AARP Tax Help](#)
Loussac Library, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-6 by appointment
 - [Indigenous Womxn's Gathering](#)
online, March 20th 2-4pm
 - [Fireside Chat: Recognizing Alaskan Women Entrepreneurs](#)
Cowork by RSD, March 23rd 12-2pm
 - [Mayors Roundtable: Women in Business & Entrepreneurs](#)
City Hall 8th floor Conference Room, March 15th 12-1pm
 - [Mayors Roundtable: Girls in Government](#)
City Hall 8th floor Conference Room, March 17th 12-1pm

IX. Adjournment, 5:35 pm

- Motion to adjourn (Vice-Chair Lisenbee)
- 2nd to adjourn (Chair Cason)

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