

City of Worcester Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES– Tuesday September 6, 2022, 5:45 PM

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Meeting number: 2311 267 6845 Password: G2TmSkhjA32

Call in: 415-655-0001 Access Code: 2311 267 6845

Spanish subtitles available

Members Present: Esther Boama-Nyarko, Kayanna James, Marcia Macri , Samantha Sendrowski, Tracey Whitney, Rubby Wuabu

Members Absent: Heather Borelli

Staff: Jayna Turchek

1. Call to order and Introductions

Kayanna James called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm. Kayanna James welcomed members of the commission and those present. Quorum was established on a roll call 5-0-0. Ms. James motioned to table the marketing conversation on the Wonder Women of Worcester posters as Marcia Macri was not in attendance to present, Rubby Wuabu seconded. Agenda was accepted with one revision on a roll call.

2. Review and approval of June 7, 2022 meeting minutes

Samantha Sendrowski motioned to accept the minutes with edit for the June 7, 2022 meeting. Tracy Whitney seconded. Minutes with the one edit were unanimously passed on a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

3. New Business

Marcia Macri arrived late and agreed to table the marketing presentation.

A. Review and discussion of draft annual work plan

Kayanna James expressed interest in legislative support and partnering with the MA Commission on Status of Women. When she spoke with their representative they wanted to know what our main focus is this year.

Discussion questions:

- Should we do a survey?
- What should be the 1 or 2 focus areas for programming this year?
- How do we know we are addressing the needs in the community?

Committeewomen will review mission as stated in city ordinance. Potential to re-name the Committee?

October: Planning for Women of Consequence; Domestic Violence update/observance; Follow up on gender-based violence recommendations (Samantha Sendrowski)

Tracey Whitney and Rubby Wuabu volunteered to be the point of contacts to help develop ideas for the award ceremony.

November: Speaker/planning (topic TBD)

December/January: Review Community Health Assessment for gender disparities and gender specific data. Invite DPH.
Esther Boama-Nyarko volunteered to lead these conversations.

February: Planning for awards program/selection of awardees

March: Awards program

April/ May: Debrief awards, program TBD/follow up on recommendations from last year

June: Approve annual report/ Approve FY24 draft workplan

B. Planning for 2023 Women of Consequence Awards

Committeewoman reviewed forms and recommended edits:

- Explicitly state application will be rated on its face (ie only the content provided in the form).
- Request concrete examples, not just accolades.

Samantha Sendrowski will reach out to area universities to see if there is interest in partnering in the award this year.

Kayanna James will reach out to the reporter from Worcester Magazine to see if they are interested in highlighting this year's awardees again this year.

C. Election of officers

Director Turchek provided overview of election process and Kayanna James opened the floor for nominations. Samantha Sendrowski self-nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Kayanna James self-nominated for Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Director Turchek called the roll to vote for each position. Kayanna James and Samantha Sendrowski were unanimously re-elected as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively (6-0-0).

4. Old Business

A. Review marketing presentation for Wonder Women of Worcester posters
(Marcia Macri)- Item tabled

5. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm with the approval of a motion made by Ms. James and seconded by Ms. Sendrowski (6-0-0).