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City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women

Monthly Meeting Summary Tuesday December 4th, 2018, 5:45 PM Worcester City Hall, City Hall Room 401

Present: Ariel Lim, Amanda Gregoire, Donna Connolly, Deborah Hall, Priscilla Elsass

Absent: Madison Friend, Krystal Vanhorne

Staff: Jayna Turchek

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** Chairperson Jennifer called the meeting to order at 5:53 PM
2. **Approval of October 2nd, 2018 Minutes:** Donna Connolly motioned to approve as written and Amanda Gregoire seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. **New Business- Discussion**
 - A. **Planning for Young and Women of Consequence Awards Ceremony (March 7th, 2019)**
 - Suggestions for keynote included Karen Duffy, Ayana Presley, Maura Healey, Elizabeth Warren. Committee members will coordinate asks with Jayna Turchek and request assistance from Mayor's Office.
 - Keep with theme of Women in Politics, Moving the Mission Forward
 - Suggested creation of photo display of "Wonder Women of Worcester" of current and former women elected leaders. Collect profile with photo of no more than 10 women. Amanda Gregoire will draft design of the posters. Committee members send in names of those ten women to Amanda by next Monday (google doc).
 - Invite tabling by organizations that support women, also plug boards and commission participation. Agreed to invite 4 organizations committed to political process and supporting women. Each Committee woman will be responsible for outreach:
 - YWCA (Deb Hall)
 - MA Women's Political Caucus (Amanda Gregoire)
 - MA Women of Color Coalition (MAWOC) (Deb Hall)
 - League of Women Voters (Amanda Gregoire)
 - The YWCA has not announced any event for International Women's Day.



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- Office will send out save the date to organizations (sent already in December e-newsletter) and Committee members will share.
- Deb Hall can reach out to Rushelle Frazier for spoken word performance
- Deb Hall will create ACSW 1920/2020 suffragette buttons
- Jayna Turchek to ask to post save the date on City of Worcester FB page
- Donna Connolly to ask Kate Kerr about process for posting on WPS FB page

B. Discussion of the committee's online/social profile and ways to improve- TABLED

4. Old Business-

A. Update on Young and Women of Consequence Awards nominations (submission deadline 1/18/2019)

- 1 woman of consequence nomination received.
- Donna Connolly reached out to all Worcester public high schools. They all have paper and electronic applications. She will follow up again next week with advisors. This is the college application season so it is reasonable that we have not received nominations and it should be expected that most will come in nearer the deadline.
- Amanda Gregoire will also reach out to her list of teachers and coaches from last year.
- The outreach list was circulated and will be sent electronically for edits and updates.
- The Office of Youth Opportunities provided a feedback letter regarding the nomination and were invited to come to an upcoming meeting for a dialogue.

B. Updates from Abby Kelley Foster Memorial Taskforce

- The taskforce is a leadership transition. The next meeting is Tuesday December 18th at 4pm in City Hall Room 401.
- Deb Hall requested we consider a proposal to name a city street Abby Kelly Way. Item will be placed on future agenda for discussion.

5. Reviewed assignments for next meeting (Tuesday January 8th, 2019)

6. Confirmed 2019 meeting dates: January 8th, February 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 12th, December 3rd

7. Adjournment at 6:46pm. (Donna Connolly motioned and Deb Hall seconded).