



**Supervisor Candace Andersen's Office**  
**3338 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA 94549**  
**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

*The CCCW's mission is, "to improve the economic status, social welfare, and overall quality of life for women in Contra Costa County."*

**Attendance:**

Phyllis Gordon

Stacey Howard

Iris Wong

Deborah Woods-Campbell

Argentina Davila-Luevano

Joey Smith

Liliana Gonzalez

Tracy Ward

**Absent:**

Julianna King-Hynes

Rebecca Loboschefskey

Kirsten Upshaw

Dana Wellington

Kathi Reed

Joey Smith chaired the meeting in the absence of Julianna King-Hynes. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

**Public Comment**



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Nine guests joined the meeting and expressed interest in joining the Commission: Natalie Oleas, Patricia Ramirez, Anna Luna, Tess Snook O'Riva, Ellen Creighton, Clearnise Bullar, and Bonnie MrCreary.

### **Chair's Report**

a. Brown Act Training – final reminder.

b. Commission Logo – Stacey Howard has partnered with Tess Snook O'Riva from the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County. Tess stated the possibility of reaching out to a community of graphic designers who could submit their designs releasing rights to the logo that would be of no cost to the Women's Commission. Stacey Howard will follow-up with Tess Snook O'Riva.

c. County Survey – For those who were new to the commission, Phyllis Gordon gave an overview of our women and children's needs-assessment survey that is planned to launch in the spring at local farmer's markets and parks. The survey will be reviewed over the next couple of months.

d. Meeting Location – Phyllis Gordon expressed concern regarding challenges presented by the current meeting location including: travel/traffic, dark hours of winter, and lack of light at entrance of current location (Candace Anderson's office). There was a general agreement and some suggestions made: alternating locations depending on time of year, going back to County Connections or location at Todos Santos Plaza; idea to be discussed further at next meeting. Stacey Howard volunteered to speak to Candace Anderson's office about the need for better lighting at the office entrance.

e. Nominations for Commission Officers – Iris Wong will chair the Nominations Committee; Tracy Ward and Liliana Gonzalez joined the committee.



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**Approval of November Minutes –**

Motion to make spelling correction of name by Phyllis Gordon, Stacey Howard and Iris Wong second motion, Deborah Wood-Campbell and Argentina Davilola-Luevano abstained. Minutes approved.

**Committee Reports:**

a. **Hall of Fame** will be on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. Only 13 nominations were made this year. Phyllis Gordon suggested we honor all 13 women and at the end present one of the 13 as Female of the Year. We are also looking at alternate options for master of ceremonies. Phyllis Gordon is reaching out to various individuals for sponsorships and program-adds, Argentina Davila-Luevano will resend out sponsorship letters to commission members to also work on sponsorships. Call for support for the following items: getting letters to nominees, program and adds information, and getting corsages. Patricia Ramirez volunteered to track funds, Iris Wong and Rebecca Loboschefskey are digitizing the nominations for the judges, Liliana Gonzalez will be working on raffle baskets.

b. **Women and Entrepreneurship:**

Teleconference will take place on January 28, 2016. Rosie Aiello with Clear Vista Consulting will talk about getting organized for the year. Commissioners will send out flyer again, post of social media, and encourage women to register. All members please register as well.

c. **Cookie Project:**



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Phyllis -- An all-day Women's Equality Day event is being planned with Pittsburgh High for April 22, 2016. Phyllis gave overview of project for our guests. Betty Dukes is available as a guest speaker, and panel of speakers to be finalized at a meeting next week.

No other updates with other schools.

**d. Public Relations:**

Deborah Wood-Campbell will be working on a press release for the Hall of Fame event.

Stacey asked for any final pieces or suggestions as she finalizes newsletter which will report on Hall of Fame and out upcoming teleseminar.

Suggestion made by Iris Wong to make our website mobile friendly. Any additional Website suggestions and feedback can go to Julianna.

**e. Membership:**

Phyllis Gordon reported some challenges getting the county to approve two memberships.

Updates- Kathi Reed has transitioned out of the commission into the Friends of the Commission. Dana Wellington has also left the commission. Those interested in taking District III seat can reach out to the office of Mary Piepho.

Rebecca Loboschfsky is temporarily unable to take minutes for the next couple of months. Liliana Gonzalez has volunteered to take them for the remaining time needed.

**Announcements & Community Events:**



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- a. January 22, 2016 – California Women's Commission statewide meeting will be held in Sacramento. Phyllis Gordon has two spaces available at the commissions. Contact Phyllis for details.
- b. Family Justice Center needs speakers for their WINGS program speaker series and workshops. Program supports young entrepreneur women who have experienced trauma in the past. If interested contact Natalie Oleas.
- c. Take WING Foundation also needs speakers for February 27<sup>th</sup> workshop for 13 to 18 year old girls. If interested reach out to Tracy Ward.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm**

Minutes taken and submitted by  
Commissioner Liliana Gonzalez