

**MAYOR'S COMMISSION  
ON THE  
STATUS OF WOMEN  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lynn Sund  
Sarah Hummel  
Linda Jordan  
Barbara Swiggart  
Jeanne Rolle  
Nancy Rothman  
Caitlin Huggins  
Dawn Yount  
Gretchen Haas Bethell  
Jeanetta Williams  
Joyce McClellan  
Carmen Pettie  
Mary Bundren

**HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT  
(HRD) STAFF PRESENT:**

Willene Leffall  
Darlene Hall

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

Penny Painter  
Rosa Martinez-Harris

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Jordan at 12:04 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF JUNE & AUGUST MINUTES:**

Commissioner Jordan called for approval of the June minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner McClellan and seconded by Commissioner Rothman for approval of the minutes with correction. *Motion carried.*

Commissioner Jordan called for approval of the August minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Rolle and seconded by Commissioner Pettie for approval of the minutes. *Motion carried.*

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Legislative:** No report.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Nancy Rothman – Chair**

**Sarah Hummel**

- 2. Pinnacle Award:** Commissioner Sund agreed to Chair the Committee. Commissioner Jordan expressed appreciation to Commissioner Sund for agreeing to serve as chair and stated she will have plenty of help from the Committee. Commissioner Jordan recommended the Committee contact the Tulsa Community Foundation to get the groups status as soon as possible and report at the next meeting.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Jeanetta Williams**

**Jeanne Rolle**

**Dr. Joyce McClellan**

**Rosa Martinez-Harris**

**Linda Jordan**

**Lynn Sund – Chair**

- 3. BRIDGE:** Commissioner Williams and Rolle reported they were unable to attend the August BRIDGE meeting. Darlene Hall reported three new businesses were certified in August; the next BRIDGE Certification Review Committee meeting has been rescheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> since October 12<sup>th</sup> is a City furlough day.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Jeanetta Williams**

**Jeanne Rolle (alt)**

- 4. Communications:** Commissioner Jordan commented on efforts made to have the Committee meet again and requested members to check their schedules for another meeting date. Commissioner Jordan referenced an e-mail sent to the Committee in May that was attached to June minutes and suggested developing a time line to complete tasks by the end of the year. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 am in Commissioner Haas-Bethell office located at 5606 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Commissioner Jordan asked members that are unable to attend to meet via telephone conference.

Commissioner Pettie recommended featuring monthly activities directed toward women on the Commission website. Commissioner Hummel commented on the City of Tulsa's Tweeter and recommended creating one for the Commission. There was a lengthy discussion on the effectiveness of having tweeters and face books. Willene will check with the Information Technology department about Tweeter and facebook websites for the Commission. Commissioner Hummel recommended members to e-mail their pictures and ideas to her.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Mary Bundren**

**Linda Jordan**

**Gretchen Haas-Bethell**

**Dawn Yount**

5. **“LEAD” Campaign:** Commissioner Jordan reported the campaign logo has been approved and requested members to check their schedules for another meeting date. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Commissioner Jordan office located at 3704 Southwest Blvd. Commissioner Huggins would meet via telephone conference. Commissioner Jordan asked about funding and designing the lead and marketing brochure. Willene replied HRD can reproduce the brochures and she will check with the Communications department on designing the brochures. Commissioner Jordan asked if the Commission could use in kind services. Willene replied she did not see a problem with using in kind services but would double check. Willene reminded the members that businesses donating in kind services can not advertise their business through the Commission.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Barbara Swiggart**

**Carmen Pettie**

**Caitlin Huggins**

**Sarah Hummel**

6. **Education:** Commissioner McClellan referenced an education legislative review (not provided for the minutes) and stated House Bills 1050 is regarding the development of a mentoring program to reduce high school drop out rates; a couple of schools are currently reviewing grant opportunities. The Committee plans to stay abreast with upcoming activities with the charter and private schools. Commissioner McClellan informed members to e-mail any House Bill interest or school situations to her or Commissioner Haas-Bethell for further research and reporting.

Commissioner Haas-Bethell discussed bond issues with Jenks School resulting in forming a consortium of other schools to work together; a communication subcommittee was formed to promote issues such as high school drop out rates, H1N1 and reporting school test scores. Commissioner Haas-Bethell commented on the importance of education being a subject with the Commission.

**Members of the Committee:**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- **City Council Survey** - Commissioner Jordan stated a meeting was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> regarding authorities' boards and commissions called by Mayor Taylor. The meeting was held in the City Council room and was very informative. Commissioner Jordan stated Mayor Taylor and representatives from Finance attended the meeting and discussed the Open Meeting Act. Although City Council was not present, a letter was read from Chairman Councilor Henderson requesting those present to fill out a survey; the survey had questions such as Commission needs, function and comments. Commissioner Jordan stated she expressed how well the Commission was supported by Mayor Taylor and hoped for continued support from the new administration. Commissioner Jordan requested that Jean Ann Hudson from the Legal department attend the October meeting to discuss the Open Meeting Act.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Commissioner Jordan announced Mayor Taylor is honoring Commissioner Painter today at Lovetts Gallery located at 6528 E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street from 5:00 to 8:00 pm (see article attached). Commissioner Jordan suggested giving Commissioner Painter a certificate of appreciation for her years of service on the Commission; members agreed. Willene Leffall offered to have a plaque created for Commissioner Painter in lieu of a certificate; members agreed.
- Commissioner Huggins announced a "Divas Gone Wild" Concert will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tulsa Zoo starting at 7:30 pm. The annual concert is to raise money for Health Outreach Prevention Education H.O.P.E. (see details attached). Members are encouraged to attend.
- Commissioner Pettie announced Integris Health and the Links will host an African American Women's Health Forum Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City (see details attached). Members are encouraged to attend.
- Commissioner Jordan announced the East Tulsa Prevention Coalition will have their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Green Country Event Center located at 12000 East 31<sup>st</sup> Street. A taste of East Tulsa celebrating family and culture. The Coalition works closely with East Central High School.

- Commissioner Pettie announced Sisters Making a Difference presents “Pink on the Run”, a fashion show to benefit breast cancer awareness. Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm (see flyer attached)
- Commissioner Jordan reminded members to e-mail bios to Commissioner Bundren; pictures will be taken immediately after today’s meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Jordan entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Rolle and seconded by Commissioner Pettie to adjourn the meeting. *Motion carried.*