



Brockton Commission on Women's Issues

April 19, 2023

Brockton City Hall
GAR Room
45 School Street
Brockton, MA

In Attendance:

Janice Johnson Plumer, Chair–Present
Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Vice-Chair–Absent
Linda Teixeira-Reyes, Treasurer–Present
Martha Testa, Secretary–Present
Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner–Present
Rita Spinola, Commissioner–Absent
Sonja Dixon, Commissioner–Present
Ruth Moore, Commissioner–Present

Guest: Beverly Post

1. Call to order - 5:08
2. Meet & Greet was canceled. Janice Johnson Plumer apologized but stated the group would move forward with another event and allow sufficient time to market the event.
3. Janice Johnson Plumer spoke with Donna LeClair, Director of the Women's Center, at Massasoit Community College, who would like to work with the Commission on Women's Issues and has a conference room suitable for an event. Rita Spinola had also spoken with Donna LeClair about the Meet & Greet.
4. Linda Teixeira-Reyes mentioned Tina Cardoso, from the Cape Verdean Women's Association, who is also interested in collaborating with the Commission on Women's Issues to discuss the needs of women in Brockton.
5. Beverly Post suggested posting events on Patch.com by uploading information onto the website.
6. A discussion was held about several Brockton groups that would be suitable to assist the Commission on Women's Issues, such as Mutual Aid of Brockton and Family Center Community Connections. Linda agreed to send Martha a list of agencies that had already been developed.

7. Treasurer's report—Linda, Karlene, and Janice have edit access to the treasurer's report. Other commissioners have read-only access.
 1. \$3400—original allocation
 2. \$625 was spent on tickets for commissioners to attend the United Way networking breakfast
 3. \$2,775 balance
8. Linda discussed ways to increase the balance so that the Commission can move forward with initiatives to benefit women and children in Brockton.
9. Motion made/seconded/passed to petition the mayor for \$100,000 to be allocated to the Women's Commission to host events that will raise awareness of issues related to women. Beverly suggested finding out what issues the city is facing that affect women and children. Agreed to invite Mayor Sullivan to the May 17th meeting.
10. Printing—Janice discussed printing needs. The Commission logo needs approval. Janice will submit the logo that Linda developed to Sydne Marrow to get the logo approved.
11. Janice will contact Sign Design on West Chestnut St. to order:
 1. Banner (washable)
 2. Business cards with the city email address
 3. Nameplates
 4. Name tags
12. Agreed to use the City of Brockton Women's Commission as the name for all public communication. Need to change by-laws to reflect the name change.
13. Marketing—agreed to contact BSU, MCC, Stonehill, and BHS for student interns to assist with social media marketing. Interns will be invited to Commission meetings so that they are aware of the commission's activities.
14. Beverly suggested contacting Fuller Craft Museum to collaborate on issues of mutual interest, such as diversity.
15. Advocacy Day on Beacon Hill is on May 31 from 11:00 – 3:00. Ruth, Toyin, and Martha plan attend.
16. The next meeting is May 17th at 5:00 at City Hall.
17. The meeting adjourned at 5:58.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Testa