



**City of Brockton Women's Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 20, 2023**

**In Attendance:**

Janice Johnson Plumer, Chair–Present  
Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Vice-Chair, Commissioner– Present  
Sonja Dixon, Commissioner– Present  
Ruth Moore, Commissioner– Present  
Beverly Post, Commissioner–Present  
Rita Spinola, Commissioner– Absent  
Toyin Adewumi, Commissioner– Absent  
Mary Wood, Guest– Present  
Nicole Fannoney– Guest- Present  
Jennifer– Guest- Present  
Jateja Spriggs– Guest- Present  
Leona Martin– Guest- Present  
Fabiola Catulle– Guest- Present  
Lisa Braxton, Guest Speaker- President of the National Council of Negro Women Greater Boston

- Call to order – 5:09 pm
- Discussion on what kind of event for next time, where to have it & ways to promote.
- Dates chosen: Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> or Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: 10 am 12pm.
- Working title: **Women's Empowerment**. 4 Panels and possibly different tables like a fair. Sign up for top 3. Discussed half hour networking, then speakers rooms, come back together afterwards.
- **Panel Topics:**
  1. Self-Care
  2. Housing (le: How to get it A-Z). Lisa Braxton knows people who do presentations, le: how to go about getting your first home if you're on a small income.
  3. Interview Coaching (Leona Martin, speaker)
  4. Healthy Relationships
- Arnone Elementary School or Brockton Main Library venues discussed. Brockton Library was decided. Janice will call to reserve.
- Ways suggested to promote:

- EventBrite (Flex rate: \$9.99 (up to 100 tickets; \$24.99 (up to 250 tickets)
- Patch.com (\$2 per community, per day)
- FB: Start a group.
- MeetUp, FB, Massasoit College, Cape Verdean Women’s Assoc., Brockton NAACP, Latino Women’s Assoc., Neighborhood Assoc., Downtown Brockton Assn. (DBA), Churches (Jubilee mentioned). Look into more community organizations to cross-promote.
- Possible ‘Mother – Daughter’ event in May, around Mother’s Day, could be about building good relationships and communication.
- Lisa Braxton, Speaker. President of National Council of Negro Women, Greater Boston (NCNW). Showed PPT some of the things they support, ie: urban youth orchestra, food pantry, career day, the Arts. They tilt towards mature audience, looking for younger demo. Would like to co-sponsor events with us.

- The meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm
- Future Zoom meetings will use the same Link:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86546491311?pwd=WlQ1V0dMeUVadGsyZHZaOE9jQXJ6UT09>
- Upcoming Wednesday meetings will be as follows:
  - **January 17, 2024 at 5:00 by Zoom**
  - February 21, 2024 at 5:00 by Zoom
  - March 20, 2024 at 5:00 by Zoom
  - April 17, 2024 at 5:00 by Zoom
  - May 15, 2024 at 5:00 by Zoom
  - June 19, 2024 at 5:00 by Zoom
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Beverly Post  
 Commissioner