

April 19, 2022 (in person)

Name	Present
Patricia Addison	X
Teresa Presson	X
Stacey D. Hardy-Chandler	A
Laila Acquavella	A
Mary Baker-Mezlo	A
Brenda Kuhlman	X
Huilan Larson	A
Roxann Rowley	X
Lisa Whetzel	-
Simmy King	X
Lesley Abashian	X

Meeting Facilitator: Pat Addison, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

The meeting began with a guest speaker, Eric Forman, City Planner for the City of Fairfax. Mr. Forman was invited to discuss current City-related data available to assist CFW to better understand the City' demographics related to CEDAW. Mr. Forman reviewed demographic trends based on the 2020 Decennial Census and the American Community Survey. Mr. Forman cautioned that the ACS reflects data from a small sample of City residents (2.6 % of the population), so has some limitations. ACS does provide information included population trends, ethnicity, income statistics, disability status, domestic migration and housing. Mr. Forman suggested that CFW members review the annual City of Fairfax Fact Book for additional information about the City and invited members to contact him if there are additional questions.

I. Approval of March Meeting Minutes. The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor spelling corrections.

II. Open Topics

- a) **CEDAW: Next Steps:** Simmy and Teresa discussed information from Mr. Forman's presentation, especially the changes of data trends within the last ten years. They discussed ways to enhance community awareness of work that has been done, emphasizing our partnership with the City Council. Suggestions included a town hall meeting with the Mayor on Women's Issues, a girls in STEM scholarship effort, and developing future activities/events in partnership with the Mayor and City Council.
- b) **Fairfax Village in the City Update:** Lesley announced that Jason Scadron was hired as a part time Village Coordinator for the project. The FY 23 budget includes funding to move his position from a contract position to a 30-hour-a-week City position. It is hoped the hours will be extended to 30 hours. Mr. Scadron is currently working in conjunction

with the Advisory Board to develop a Fairfax Village in the City webpage along with member and volunteer applications, etc.

- c) **NACW Update:** Roxann reported that NACW is currently planning their annual conference to be held in July in Reno, NV.
- d) **Women of Influence Award Debriefing:** The event (the first indoor event since 2020!) took place on April 12, 2022, at 6 p m and was a resounding success. Carolyn Sutterfield and Hildie Carney were thrilled to be chosen as Women of Influence Award Recipients. Both provided personal remarks about receiving their awards. Previous awardee Janet Jaworski was present as well (she was unable to attend the limited outdoor presentation first year.) The Mayor and several City Council members were present for the ceremony, which ended with light refreshments in the lobby.
- e) **Blanket Drive Debriefing:** On March 19, CFW hosted a blanket drive to assist recent Afghan refugees. Donations from the drive were provided to Lutheran Social Services' Resettlement program. The blanket drive was held in conjunction with the City's Stuff the Bus event. During the event, several City Council members and Fire/Rescue staff stopped by to support the event. CFW collected 47 blankets. Laila and Mary designed signs and bookmarks for the event. Members agreed that the collection was a success, and plan to again coordinate a blanket drive with Stuff the Bus in the fall. One suggestion was to develop information flyers to share with neighborhoods and civic groups in publicize future events.

111. New Business

- a) Recruitment of Student Representative for 2022-23: Teresa reported no applicants yet, but the deadline has been extended. The plan is if there aren't applicants by the end of this school year to wait until mid-August to resume recruitment efforts.
- b) Areas of Focus – Update for 2023: Pat postponed this discussion in the interest of time to next month's meeting.
- c) CFW Shirts – Discussion: Lesley reported that there was funding in the budget available to purchase CFW shirts. Members discussed utilizing the WOI logo. Lesley will reach out to Parks/Rec to get information about possible vendors to use, potential cost, etc. Members suggested ordering v-neck t-shirts.
- d) Fourth of July Parade – Participation: Members agreed to postpone participation in the event until next year, although members were encouraged to attend, wearing the new shirts.

IV. Human Services Director's Report:

- a) City FY 2023 Budget: Lesley provided an update.
- b) Connecting Fairfax Council Actions: Lesley reported that Mayor and City Council are currently working on a plan to implement recommendations about changing street names and City seal. Any actions will include community engagement.

Around the Table Sharing: Members shared travel plans, celebrations (Sweet 16!), and amazing talents (piano, acting, dance). Laila will play Rapunzel in “Into the Woods” at Fairfax High School this month; and Roxann will host “Flight: A Migratory Performance Series,” sponsored by the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts and City of Fairfax Parks Department, featuring a series of performances at Van Dyke Park, Blenheim and other sites in the City over the next few months.

Next CFW Meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 7 pm

Minutes were taken by Brenda Kuhlman