

City of Fairfax

Commission for Women

Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2020 (*Virtual Meeting*)

Present: Pat Addison, Stacey Hardy-Chandler, Lisa Whetzel, Brenda Kuhlman, Roxann Rowley, Teresa Presson, Beth Young, Hulian Larson, Laila Acquavella, and staff support Lesley Abashian.

Not Present: Mary Baker

I. **Welcome:** Pat and Lesley welcomed all members.

II. **Approval of the Minutes** of July 21, 2020: Minutes approved by members

III. **Update on Suffrage Events:** Lesley provided a status update on August Suffrage events planned by the Commission. The City's Suffrage webpage provides an update on local activities. (www.fairfaxva.gov/suffrage). Pat emailed Suffrage event information to the Mayor and City Council. She reported that she received a "thank you" response from Councilmen Ross and Harmon.

Videos depicted City resident voices about "What Suffrage Means to Me" created by the City's Communications Team will be shared via social media. Eleven City residents participated in the videos including five CFW members and the City's Mayor.

Teresa and Lisa provided an update on the Suffrage rock project. The plan is to place painted rocks in local parks. The rocks include the Suffrage web page address.

Suffrage celebration stickers are placed on approximately fourteen Starship food delivery robots in the City.

A Celebrating Suffrage Anniversary banner is hanging on the corner of Old Town Square.

Pat reminded Commission members of the upcoming "Movie Under the Moon" event at Van Dyck Park Friday August 21. The movie night, a collaboration

between CFW and City's Parks Dept., will feature the animated movie Mulan. Pat, Teresa, Lisa, Stacey and Lesley will participate in the event. Lesley will set up an information table at the event to include CFW and suffrage-themed information.

IV. Update – Women of Influence Award Presentation: The award presentation is planned for the September 22 City Council Meeting. It is unknown if the meeting will be virtual or an in-person meeting.

V. Face the Music 4ERA: This virtual concert will occur on Facebook Live on August 26 at 8 p.m. Pat reported that Lisa Sales, the Fairfax County CFW Chair is actively involved in this event and invited the City CFW to participate. Lesley provided members the event log in information via email.

VI. Update- NACW: Pat reported that the NACW planned to host a virtual conference but full details were not on the NACW website.

VII. Human Services Update:

Lesley noted that City Hall continues to be accessible to residents by appointment only due to continuing COVID-19 restrictions.

Upcoming Dates of Note (August-September):

- August 18: 19th Amendment ratified
- August 26: Women's Equality Day
- September: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
- September: National Suicide Prevention Month

VIII. Around the Table Sharing: Commissioners participated in a virtual toast to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.

IX. Pat called the meeting to end, reminding members that the next meeting will occur on September 15, 2020 and will be a virtual meeting.