

Miami Beach Commission for Women

March 1st, 5:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Barbara Kaufman, Charlotte Libov, Faye Goldin, Francinelee Hand, Jill Shockett, Karen Fryd, Liliam Lopez, Lynette Long, Lizette Lopez, Marjorie York, Melissa Beatie, Pam Rodgers, Robyn Malek, Jo Manning, Sandra Otero, Trisha Sindler

Members Absent: Debra Schwartz, Jane Castro, Lidia Resnick, Sandra Martin

Guest Speakers:

1. Cindy Casanova, Parks & Recreation, to discuss equipment at Muscle Beach
 - a. Explanation of Muscle Beach and it's purpose.

Old Business:

1. Approval of February meeting minutes
2. Women Worth Knowing event – update on venue and applications
 1. Category is public service
 2. Venue suggestions: Botanical Gardens, Golf Course and Women's Club
 3. How do we finance this event? Commissioner Higgins and/or Commissioner Higgins we be contacted.
3. Update on Motion made to Finance & Economic Resiliency Committee "Supporting Allocating More Funds for the City's Marine Patrol Unit"

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding the Commission for Women's Goals & Priorities
 - Mission Statement:
The Miami Beach Commission for Women strives to assure that the women of the City of Miami Beach have full participation in the issues that have an impact on their lives. The Commission advises city officials of social, economic, and legal barriers that prevent women from obtaining meaningful roles in the family, the labor force, government and society as a whole working toward the elimination of those barriers.
2. Discussion regarding meeting times
 - Clarification was asked if we are supposed to meet for one hour or two?
3. Discussion regarding Guest Speakers

Motion:
I would like to make a motion that speakers invited address the Commission for Woman have a direct link to its charter which is to promote economic, political and social equality for women. The combined time allocated for all speakers at any Women's Commission meeting should be no more than half the entire allocated meeting time.

Motion made during meeting: for guest speakers every two months so in the off months we can speak about a subject or item that would help the women in the community.

We did not have a quorum so this motion will come back next month.

4. Discussion regarding Sub-Committees:

Motion:

I would like to make a motion that the Miami Beach Commission for Women establish sub-committees, as many as necessary to fulfill the mandate of our charter which is to promote women's economic, political and social equality in Miami Beach. Each subcommittee will have a minimum of two members of the Commission for Women. The Subcommittees will report to the regularly scheduled Commission for Women meetings.

We did not have a quorum so this motion will come back next month.

5. Resolutions offered by Vice Chair Dr. Lynnette Long:

Hall of Fame Resolution

Be it resolved that a member of the Miami Beach Women's Commission be appointed to the Miami Beach Hall of Fame Selection Committee to assure the nomination of and Induction of women into the Miami Beach Hall of Fame. Last year not a single woman was inducted into the Miami Beach Hall of Fame.

Chair Jill Shockett stated that she spoke to Liaison to Hall of Fame Committee and was told that each Commissioner nominates someone to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee and so this resolution is not necessary.

Muscle Beach Resolution

Be it resolved that equipment used in Women's Gymnastic Competitions added to Muscle Beach South Beach which is located at 9th Street and Ocean Drive. Currently there are three pieces of equipment used in Men's Gymnastic Competitions in the park: high bars, rings and parallel bars. There is not one piece of equipment used in Women's Gymnastic Competitions. I propose that the city add uneven bars and a balance beam at standard height. I would propose the city also add a second balance beam at ground level for people who want to learn the balance beam. In a spirit of parity, the city should respect the needs of both male and female athletes.

This resolution was withdrawn.

Adjourned meeting 6:59