



## **Mayor's Council for Women**

**Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:00PM**

### **Minutes**

- I. Call to Order (6:05p)
- II. Roll Call- Brenna Casey (first meeting), Nana Asante-Smith (Chair), Shea Ramirez (first meeting), Gloria De Los Santos (co-chair) , Rebekah Miel, Amie Koch (secretary), Cassandra Stokes, Jillian Johnson
- III. Adjustments to the Agenda
- IV. Ceremonial Items
- V. Announcements
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Approval of Minutes- Rebekah firsts, Gloria seconds- all approve
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. DV (including op-ed)- Ned Barnett, C. Stokes completed op-ed, Gloria will send possible The Harold-Sun contacts. (2) Hope program applications are closing 11/11/20 (10k+ applications the first week) writing op-ed on hope program and its impact may be relevant, (3) also on the women who ran in the election and results of women obtaining positions.

- b. DCRC & IPV training – need to assign a point of contact- Rebekah, no current update. Our ask is to discuss and get an understanding of the work done with the (any) training with DPD or sheriff's office so we know and then we can help and ensure better access/improve training (Nisha Williams with the DCRC/ legal team). Rebekah will send us an email update before the next meeting.
- c. Black maternal health- Nana spoke with Maya Jackson and Joy Spencer (director of equity before birth) (both with Maame <https://maameinc.org/>) who is also working with the County Women's Council. Survey is going out with the county to see what recourses are in Durham, so we can disseminate data.- We will complete and share the survey for others to complete.
  - i. Host a spring **forum**, provide Black women to share their stories (Maya, Joy, Gloria will take this to their boards to see about interest), centering Black women in their experience, amplify their voices/ educate the community. Gloria's job is posting billboards to educate the community.
- d. Economic empowerment- hosting a **program** (??Mid-December) that would allow those who identify as women to learn about entrepreneurship (Tara Nichols- lawyer) and how to set up a business. Brief legal piece and then someone who has also started their own company (maybe Tonya?) (non-profit, LLC, etc) to empower women and give knowledge.

## IX. New Business

- a. Holiday Initiative – What can we do to give back to the community. Shea- something creative with positive thoughts (Rebekah- maybe partner with **book harvest** and do book giveaways- will they collaborate with us and do a community drop.) personalize book marks/notes to go in the book and it is gifted to them, a positive message along with a book.
  - To get journals we would need funds.
  - Collect names from schools/people we know/ etc start with about 25 people
  - Gloria suggests postcard with sentiment on it to uplift mothers. We are all struggling.
  - Messaging that spreads joy across the city in a thoughtful and meaningful way. Share messaging in a more public way.
  - Woman centering, even those without children
  - getting women who have volunteered
  - NYE (?) celebration online for women to get to know each other, meet and greet, breakout groups after a presentation, or even a coffee hour

A Durham Women's Celebration (a presentation and a meet and greet)
- b. Quarterly op-ed – Cassandra Stokes to be head of Op-Ed's will partner with folks to disseminate and to have us have a presence (hope applications, DV, Black maternal mortality, housing...)

## X. Adjournment (6:59pm)