



Commission on the Status of Women

**Commission on the Status of Women  
Regular Meeting – October 18, 2023  
DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:00pm with Chairperson Marasovic presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Boyd, Goodwin, Marasovic, Posey, Arora, Seshagiri

**Absent:** Simon, Ortiz-Cedeno, Oliver

**Leave of Absence:**

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**Comments from the Public**

- Public attendance: 2
- Public comments: 1

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**Action**

**Item # 1:**

**Approval of September 20, 2023 Minutes:**

***Minutes Approved***

**M/S/C:** Marasovic, Goodwin

**Ayes:** Boyd, Goodwin, Marasovic, Posey, Arora, Seshagiri

**Absent:** Simon, Ortiz-Cedeno, Oliver

**Leave of Absence:**

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**Item # 2:**

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Chair Marasovic motioned to changed the order of the agenda, so that the presenters could go first and the reminder order of business would be handled shortly thereafter.

***Agenda Approved***

**M/S/C:** Marasovic, Posey

**Ayes:** Boyd, Goodwin, Marasovic, Posey, Arora, Seshagiri

**Absent:** Simon, Ortiz-Cedeno, Oliver

**Leave of Absence:**

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**Item # 3:**

**Panel/Presenters on Sex Trafficking. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commission staff will work Berkeley High School Resource Officer Dozier and Sergeant Parsons to gather additional statistics and relatable data and present to the commission in the upcoming months to further build out a resolution to be sent to council.*

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**Item # 4:**

**Discussion of Topics from Small Business Subcommittees. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commissioner Seshagiri will continue gathering information as it relates to the topic and provide an update to the commission at a later time.*

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**Item # 5:**

**Discussion on Proper Lighting in the Neighborhoods. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commission Chair Marasovic advised Commissioner Goodwin to reach out to Council member Bartlett office to request for better lighting in various areas of the Berkeley community and also see what is already being addressed.*

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**Item # 6:**

**Discussion of a Calendar of Public Information (such as housing and mortgage protection, health insurance sign ups) that the City could Share via Social Media. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commission staff was not able to discuss*

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**Item # 7:**

**Discussion on Non-Profit Village Connect. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commissioner Goodwin proposed that Village Connect and a present at a future meeting she will keep the commission updated as to future dates.*

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**Item # 8:**  
**Discussion on Whether to approach Commission Issues of Interest as a Full Commission or as a Subcommittee Identified by the Individual Issues. Report from any Additional Subcommittees, if any. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commission staff was not able to discuss.*

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**Item # 9:**  
**Continue to Develop Workplan. Discussion and Possible Action.**

*Commission staff was not able to discuss*

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary**  
**Commission on the Status of Women**