Call to Order:  Dalia called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Present were Commissioners  Dalia Zygas, Kristina Isabelle, Kay Hill, Sharlene Livesay, Nicole Florek, Faye Moore, and City Council Liaison Sean Fitzpatrick.

Absent: Bonnie Schaff and Jo Ann Engquist

Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting:  Minutes of the March 2019 meeting were reviewed with motion to approve with two adjustments to show Bonnie was absent. Motion to approve: by Livesay, second by Florek.  Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:   Motion to approve Florek, second: Hill Motion carried

Request for Aliana to come in and share about her trip to the National Math championship

Old Business:

Guidelines for Funding:  Commissioner Zygas shared new guidelines and application form.  Very clear and concise.  Lives motion to approve with one change to form first line under Process to change from “must” to “should” be made in writing at least 30 days prior.

Move to table discussion until Joann checks with the ordinance.  Livesay motion to table discussion. Nicole seconds Motion carried.

New Business:

A- Minority Health presentation: Looking for $600 for two 5 week programs at $300 each.  Diabetes program in session 21 people in the class. Very successful and in final stages of follow ups.  Healthy Baby program has not started so far they have 12 women signed up.  Motion to approve funding - Florek second Livesay Commissioner Kay abstained from voting.  Motion approved.

B- Stepping Stones:  Nanda Danitschek was not at meeting. Reviewing from application.  Application was unclear. Not sure how much request is for and what full budget for Let’s Get Pumped walk/ run event on May 18.  Commissioners felt as if they
needed more information and clarity from application. Requested Nanda to come in and re-apply. Motion to deny funding Moore second by Livesay. Kay Abstained. Motion carried. Livesay will reach out to share feedback.

**C. Doula Care Program:** Commissioner Florek updates on the doula care in Michigan City. Doula’s are birth assistance and coaches for the mother. We have a high rate of infant mortality, one of the highest in the state. Doula care helps reduce c sections, supports the mental health of a mother, positive birth outcomes. State of Indiana passed bill to allow medicaid to pay for service. No one is sure how funds will come through but it will happen. Dalia asks - How do we educate? How do we go forward? Brochure? Online info? We can list on fb page for Womens Commission. Nicole and Kay will do some more research and report back to commission.

**D. Celebrating Women:** Committee: Shar, Kay, Nicole and Kristina meeting date selected for Thursday June 6th 5:00 East conference room.

**E. Women’s Equality Day:** Committee: Joann and Shar. Discussion - to find email invite list and various ways to capture who came the last two years. Connect with Kathy Dennis and Debra Chubb to see if they have the list. Council member Fitzpatrick asked if we had a promotional budget. We do not. Motion to table until Joann returns.

Council Liaison Comments: Womens commission needs to appoint someone to the new Youth Council. We will hand out forms to young people.

Commissioners Comments: Rally against Hate Crime Law with the NAACP Saturday 12:00 at La Porte Court house

Motions to adjourn meeting Isabelle and second Florek. Meeting adjourned 6:02pm