



**Commission for the Prevention of
Violence Against Women
AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2009
6:45 p.m.
City Council Chambers
809 Center Street**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Presentations – Walnut Avenue Women’s Center’s Youth Development Program in partnership with the Catalyst. No action may be taken

Statements of Disqualification

Oral Communications – A time for members of the public to speak to Commissioners about items not on the agenda. No action may be taken.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Invitation to Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project 2009 celebration of findings and announcement of Community Heroes (which include Leonie Sherman) – Monday, November 23 at 10 a.m. at Scotts Valley Community Center

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 2, 2009 meeting (note: no meeting in October)

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of September 2, 2009 as submitted.

General Business

1. Community Rally to Take Back the Night and Stop Violence Against Women
Recommendation --- Hear request from community members to schedule rally to take back the night and stop violence against women and take action as needed.
2. Reports regarding Domestic Violence from SCPD
Recommendation --- Accept, by motion, monthly report on Domestic Violence statistics from SCPD.
3. Quarterly Sexual Assault Statistics Reports from CPVAW Police Committee and Coordinator
Recommendation --- Accept, by motion, the sexual assault statistical report prepared by CPVAW Police Committee and Coordinator and take action as necessary.
4. Self-defense/Safety Skills Classes Funding
Recommendation --- Hear funding status from CPVAW Coordinator and take action as needed.

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5. Resource Card for Community

That the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women consider making a resource card that includes non-crisis resource contacts. Designed as a business card, or bookmark, this resource card would serve homeless women as well as a wider population.

6. Engaging the Bystander Workshops

Recommendation --- That CPVAW hear information from Engaging the Bystander ad hoc committee and take action as necessary.

Information Items (no action shall be taken on these items)

October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Copies of op-ed pieces from Register Pajaronian and Santa Cruz Sentinel for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SC Neighbors' Night Out Block Party events

This was a great success with 23 neighborhood block parties. Leonie Sherman was invited to speak which was well-received and it is hoped that this can be expanded.

Santa Cruz City Schools: Teen Representative and Distribution of curriculum materials to Language Arts Departments

No update as yet. Coordinator Agnone has contacted Eileen Brown, Director of Student Services and Professional Development Coordinator for SC City Schools regarding these issues.

Safe Place Network Pilot Program with the Catalyst

Hear information from CPVAW Coordinator regarding launch of pilot program with the Catalyst as an active participating business in the Safe Place Network Program.

Brochures in Medical Facilities

Hear information from CPVAW Coordinator regarding launch of brochures and Safe Place Network program resource cards program to Palo Alto medical offices. These medical offices join Dominican Foundations launch of this program.

Committee Reports (no action shall be taken on these items)

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Stakeholder Round Table Discussion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Service Providers:
Campbell, Tobisch

Engage the Bystander ad hoc committee: Tobisch, Watkins, Polanco

Resource card/support group for homeless women ad hoc committee: Zook, King, Polanco

Gender and Women's rights quarterly discussions ad hoc committee: Polanco, Tobisch

Standing Committee

Police Committee: met September 14, 2009; the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2009 at 4:45 pm @ CPVAW office

County Domestic Violence Commission.

The November meeting is scheduled on the 4th which is the same night as the CPVAW meeting. CPVAW Coordinator will request information and provide update to CPVAW members in December.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Representative from SART program - Christie

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Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women will adjourn from the regular meeting of Wednesday, November 4, 2009 to the next meeting to be scheduled on December 2, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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