



**Commission for the Prevention of
Violence Against Women**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers

809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at November 4, 2009 meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Chair Zook.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Zook, Christie, King, Polanco, Tobisch, Watkins
Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone
Absent with notification: Commissioner Campbell, Police Liaison R. Escalante

Presentations - No action may be taken

Statements of Disqualification: None

Oral Communications - None

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Trailblazer Awards Invitation from County Women's Commission

Flyer for advocate training offered by Walnut Avenue Women's Center

CAP's Community Hero Nomination/Award Leonie Sherman, CPVAW self-defense teacher

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Polanco announced that Survivors Healing Center will have an event at Orchid Grill in October. Flyers will be distributed when available.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone provided a verbal report which included information that Leonie Sherman has been selected as one of the United Way's Community Heroes and will be honored with the other heroes at an event in November, appreciation for Cate Kompare, a former work study student and recent summer volunteer, for her work, Cheryl Blisovich for her volunteer work throughout the summer, information regarding orientation and training with SCPD Officer Terry for the 24 Catalyst staff for the Safe Place Network pilot program, presentation to SC City School Board on Aug. 12, meeting with Eileen Brown, SC City Schools Curriculum Director regarding teen representatives, and orientation for Walnut Avenue Women's Center staff for Safe Place Network program.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 1, 2009 meeting (note: no meeting in August)

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of July 1, 2009 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner King, to approve the July 1, 2009 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner

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Campbell absent; Commissioners Christie and Watkins abstained due to absence at July meeting).

General Business

1. Reports regarding Domestic Violence from SCPD

Recommendation --- Accept, by motion, monthly report on Domestic Violence statistics from SCPD.

ACTION: Commissioner King made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to accept the monthly domestic violence report statistics as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

2. Quarterly reports from SCPD regarding Domestic Violence Statistics

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, that the domestic violence statistical reports be reviewed on a quarterly basis when sexual assault statistical reports are presented to the Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner King made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to Approve, by motion, that the domestic violence statistical reports be reviewed on a quarterly basis when sexual assault statistical reports are presented to the Commission. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

3. Procedures for Posting Public Alerts of Sexual Assaults

Recommendation --- That CPVAW approve, by motion, the revised procedures regarding posting of community alerts.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to approve the revised procedures regarding posting of community alerts. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

4. Self-defense/safety skills classes funding

Recommendation --- That CPVAW approve, by motion, the funding request submitted by CPVAW Coordinator for safety skill/self defense classes at the schools in order to schedule classes and finalize funding discussions and contracts with schools and teachers.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve directing CPVAW Coordinator Agnone to work with SC City Schools and self-defense teachers, with funding of \$16,000 maximum, to schedule safety skills/self-defense classes at the schools, keeping in mind tonight's discussion.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

CPVAW Coordinator will provide a report at the October meeting regarding the status of this program and funding.

5. October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Recommendation --- That CPVAW approve, by motion, the plans and funding request submitted for domestic violence awareness month activities.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Chair Zook, to approve funding of \$300 maximum for the tentative schedule of projects/programs for Domestic Violence months.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

6. SC Neighbors' Night Out Block Party events – October 4, 2009

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Recommendation --- That the Commission for the Prevention of Violence against Women approve, by motion, participation in the SC Neighbors' Block Party events scheduled on October 4, 2009.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner King, to approve participation in the SC Neighbors' National Night Out Block Party events scheduled on October 4, 2009 which includes funding of \$100 maximum to cover hours for self-defense teacher, if available.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

7. Preventing Violence Against Homeless Women

Recommendation --- That CPVAW approve, by motion, the plans and funding request submitted by ad hoc committee to address the issue of violence against homeless women.

ACTION: Commissioner King made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to establish a support group and create a resource card for homeless women with a maximum funding of \$3,000.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

Commissioner Zook, King, and Polanco volunteered to serve on this ad hoc committee.

8. Approval of Revised Bylaws

Recommendation – That CPVAW approve, by motion, the revisions to the current bylaws as proposed by the ad hoc committee.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the revisions to the current bylaws as proposed by the ad hoc committee.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

CPVAW Coordinator will send these to the City Attorney and City Council for approval.

9. Engaging the Bystander workshops

Recommendation --- That CPVAW approve, by motion, the formation of an ad hoc committee to review and develop a workshop that involves bystanders and bring the curriculum forward to the full Commission for approval.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to review and develop a workshop that involves bystanders and bring the curriculum to the full Commission for approval.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

Commissioners Watkins, Tobisch, and Polanco volunteered to serve on this ad hoc committee.

10. Feminist talks to local organizations

That the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women accept by motion, quarterly discussions about gender equality and women's rights in private and public space to local organizations.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to develop quarterly discussions to local organizations about gender equality and women's rights in private and public spaces and to bring final recommendation to full commission for approval.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent).

Commissioner Polanco and Tobisch volunteered to serve on this ad hoc committee.

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

Distribution of curriculum materials to Santa Cruz City Schools Language Arts Departments

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Commissioner King and Coordinator Agnone met with Eileen Brown, Director of Student Services and Professional Development Coordinator for SC City Schools regarding the distribution of a curriculum available from the Family Violence Prevention Fund to Santa Cruz City middle and high school Language Arts teachers.

Commissioner King reported that she & Coordinator Agnone had a good conversation with Eileen and hope to meet later in September or October with teachers who review curriculum for SC City Schools.

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.

CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that she and SCPD Officer Terry met with 24 staff members at the Catalyst to provide information and an orientation as part of the pilot program for the Safe Place Network. Information on the status of this pilot program will be provided as gathered.

Brochures in Medical Facilities

Hear information from CPVAW Coordinator regarding launch of program for distributing brochures and Safe Place Network program resource cards to medical offices through Dominican Medical Offices.

Coordinator Agnone distributed information to Commissioners that listed the locations of the 7 facilities that the brochures and resources cards will be displayed. An introduction letter was also distributed to Commissioners. The brochures were recently updated to indicate the reduction of hours at Walnut Avenue Women's Center (closed on Wednesdays) due to State funding cuts.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Stakeholders Roundtable Discussion

Hear information from ad hoc committee on status of discussions.

Commissioner Tobisch reported that she had spoken to Dee O'Brien, Director of Walnut Avenue Women's Center, and Laura Segura, Director of Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres, regarding the roundtable discussion. Kathryn informed Commissioners that the timing for this is not the best for these resource agencies due to the severe State budget cuts they are dealing with at this time.

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

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Bylaws – **This ad hoc has dissolved since final action was taken tonight.**

Stakeholder Round Table Discussion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Service Providers

Standing Committee

Police Committee: met June 1; the next meeting is scheduled for Sept 14, 2009 at 4:30 pm @ CPVAW office

County Domestic Violence Commission.

CPVAW Coordinator and Commissioner King will attend the next meeting scheduled on September 9 at 5:30 pm at the SCPD Community Room.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

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Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:55 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, September 2, 2009 to the next meeting to be scheduled on October 7, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

Appeals - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing, setting forth the nature of the action and the basis upon which the action is considered to be in error, and addressed to the City Council in care of the City Clerk.

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