



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at January 6, 2010 meeting

Call to Order: Chair Zook called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chair Zook, Commissioners Campbell, Christie, King, Polanco, Tobisch, Watkins

Staff: Police Liaison Lt. Mark Sanders, CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

Presentations: None

Statements of Disqualification: None

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: Chair Zook stated that she recommends reading the articles in the Santa Cruz Weekly regarding heroin use.

Other Commission Member Announcements: Commissioner Campbell announced that he will be resigning after this meeting. Commissioners and Councilmember Robinson, who was in attendance, expressed their appreciation for his time and energy for the past four years.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone introduced Lt. Mark Sanders who will be replacing Lt. R. Escalante as the SCPD Liaison to the Commission. Lt. Sanders provided some background of his time with SCPD. Coordinator Agnone provided a verbal report to Commissioners that included information on the safety skills/self-defense classes at the schools, Leonie Sherman's Community Hero award, Palo Alto Medical Foundation's distribution of brochure displays, and the possibility of two new interns in 2010. She also requested items for the January 6, 2010 meeting to be submitted no later than December 28. She reminded Commissioners that the City will go into an extended furlough from December 18 through January 4. She distributed a handout that provided data from the sexual assault quarterly reports and reviewed that information with Commissioners.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 4, 2009 meeting (note: no meeting in October)

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of November 4, 2009 as submitted. Commissioner Tobisch moved, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve the November 4, 2009 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell abstained due to absence at that meeting).

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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.
Coordinator Agnone with Commissioners Zook and Christie provided information from November 16 meeting of the ad hoc committee regarding this event. Due to a variety of scheduling issues, the event is tentatively scheduled for January. Commissioners were requested to provide feedback that would assist at the next meeting. The possibilities of partnering on a April or May Take Back the Night event with Take Back Santa Cruz group, organizing a Facebook page, including stakeholders, and other ideas were shared and committee members will meet to determine next steps with community members. Chair Zook is unable to attend the ad hoc meetings and Commissioner Polanco will replace her on the ad hoc committee.
2. Engaging the Bystander Workshops
Recommendation --- That CPVAW hear information from Engaging the Bystander ad hoc committee and take action as necessary. **Commissioner Tobisch provided information to Commissioners regarding the project. Although there was a meeting scheduled on November 23, there are no recommendations for Commission action at this point in time.**
3. Stakeholder Round Table Discussion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Service Providers
Recommendation --- That CPVAW table this ad hoc committee.
ACTION: Commissioner Campbell moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, that the Stakeholder Round Table ad hoc committee be sunset. The motion passed unanimously
4. Annual Report to City Council
Recommendation --- That Commissioners request current Chair and Coordinator to develop a draft copy of an annual report for review at the January 2010 CPVAW meeting. **Commissioners requested Chair Zook and Coordinator Agnone to submit a draft copy of the annual report in January. Various ideas of content were shared: quotes from Leonie's class evaluations and Community Hero award, schools program, appreciation for Mardi Wormhoudt, programs with Catalyst and Walnut Avenue Women's Center, brochure displays, SC City Schools, and Sart/Sane program information as available.**

Information Items: None

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

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Community Rally and March: Christie, Watkins, Polanco **Information shared during agenda item 1 on tonight's agenda.**

Engage the Bystander ad hoc committee: Tobisch, Watkins, Polanco **Information shared during agenda item 2 on tonight's agenda.**

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

Stakeholder Round Table Discussion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Service Providers: **Sunset as of tonight's meeting.**

Standing Committee

Police Committee: met November 30, 2009. Committee Chair Christie reported that items discussed included request to revisit process in receiving redacted reports in order to avoid the current lag time and the plan to submit case numbers to DA's office in order to learn of status

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of case. The status of training schedule will be requested from SCPD. Research is also being done on the impact of economic downturns and increase in violence. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8 at 5 pm.

County Domestic Violence Commission.

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

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Representative from SART program - Christie

Take Back the Night – Zook

Presentation of Violence and Gangs – Watkins

Facebook possibilities –

Bookmarks for April – Zook

Election of Officers – Coordinator

Annual Report to Council - Zook

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:05 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, December 2, 2009 to the next meeting to be scheduled on January 6, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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