



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at April 7, 2010 meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Christie, King, Leon, Polanco, Zook

Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

Absent with notification: Commissioner Tobisch

Presentation: Diane Deese provided a power point presentation of information on the local Sexual Assault Response Team and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

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.
None

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Invitation to County Women's Commission's Art Reception – March 18 5:30-7 pm

Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres Open House – April 1

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Polanco announced the "Walk to Stop the Violence" Event on April 10

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 February 3, 2010 meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of February 3, 2010 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve minutes from the February 3, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Tobisch absent and Commissioner Zook abstained)

General Business

1. Join Me On The Bridge – International Women's Day Event

Recommendation --- That Commissioners review information on event to consider cosponsoring the event scheduled for March 7.

ACTION: Commissioner Zook moved, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, that the Commission support the International Women's Day event scheduled for March 7, 2010. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Tobisch absent).

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2. Homeless Women's Resource Card

Recommendation --- That Commissioners review the final version of the card and approve, by motion, in order to provide copies for distribution at the Census event at the Civic.

ACTION: Commissioner Zook moved, seconded by Commissioner Leon, that the Ad hoc be given authority to finalize 1000 Spanish and 2000 English resource cards. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Tobisch absent).

3. Follow-up to Presentation of Annual Report to City Council

Recommendation --- That Commissioners discuss the presentation of the Annual Report to City Council on February 23, 2010 to determine follow-up action, by motion, as needed.

Speaking from the floor in support:

Councilmember Robinson

By consensus, Commissioners requested a copy of the information report that SCPD will provide City Council. Commissioners also will attend the next Public Safety Committee on March 15 at 4 pm in the Courtyard conference room. Commissioners requested that an item be placed on a future agenda that incorporates determining a process of future sexual assault reports.

4. Engaging the Bystander workshop

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the ad hoc committee's information and proposal for the Engaging the Bystander workshop.

ACTION: Commissioner Zook moved, seconded by Commissioner Christie, that the Ad hoc be given authority to finalize the details for the workshop to be presented in April and to budget funding not to exceed \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Tobisch absent).

5. Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Recommendation --- Review information regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month plans and provide direction to staff, by motion, regarding participation of proposed events in order to set priorities.

ACTION: Commissioner Zook moved, seconded by Commissioner Leon, to approve plans for April as Sexual Assault Awareness month and to form an ad hoc to create a display and bookmark to be distributed in April at local book shops. Total budget not to exceed 500 dollars. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Tobisch absent). Ad hoc members: Zook, Leon, Polanco

6. CPVAW Representation on County Domestic Violence Commission

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, Commissioner King's request to represent CPVAW on the County's Domestic Violence Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Zook, to appoint Commissioner King as CPVAW's representative to the County Domestic Violence Commission. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Tobisch absent).

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

Funding request for Danger Assessment Workshop

Hear information regarding the "Danger Assessment – Assessing Lethality in Domestic Violence Relationships" workshop on February 18, 2010.

Commissioners requested a copy of the video recording of the event.

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

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Engage the Bystander: Commissioners Tobisch, Watkins, Polanco

Resource card/support group for homeless women:: Commissioners Zook, King, Polanco

Gender and Women's rights quarterly discussions: Commissioners Polanco, Tobisch

Commissioner Leon appointed to Gender and Women's Rights Quarterly

Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners King, Leon, Polanco (has not met as yet)

Standing Committee

Police Committee: February 8, 2010 at 5 pm in the City Hall Courtyard Conference Room.

Commissioners Christie, Polanco, Zook

Reported that the next meeting will be scheduled for May 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

County Domestic Violence Commission.

Hear information from Commissioner King and Coordinator Agnone regarding February 10 meeting.

Commissioner King and Coordinator Agnone reported the county plans for: the creation of a "211" directory phone service; the District Attorney's presentation of a new law as of January 2009 regarding "Victim testifying"; teen dating violence legislation; legal status of domestic violence law.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Take Bake the Night -- Zook

Bookmarks -- Zook

Presentation of Violence and Gangs -- Watkins

Adjournment

The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 9:00 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, March 3, 2010 to the next meeting to be scheduled on April 7, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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