



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

**Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010 6:45 p.m.  
City Council Chambers 809 Center Street**

**Minutes approved as submitted at June 2, 2010 meeting.**

**Call to Order:** Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

**Roll Call:** Present: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Christie, King, Leon, Polanco (6:55),  
Tobisch, Zook  
Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

**Presentation:** None

**Statements of Disqualification:** None

**Oral Communications – None** 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 Watkins informed Commissioners of Inner Light Ministry's 2010 Celebration Event.

Other Commission Member Announcements: Commissioner Tobisch informed commissioners of the "Engaging the Bystander" workshops. She also spoke about her participation at the forum sponsored by Women's Center at UCSC regarding next steps for Sexual Assault Awareness Month & Take Back the Night events.

Commissioner Polanco informed Commissioners of her participation for Survivors Healing Center with the Human Race.

Staff Announcements: Verbal report was presented by CPVAW Coordinator Agnone.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of April 7, 2010 meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of April 7, 2010 as submitted. Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner King, to approve the April 7 2010 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with a majority of members attending present and voting. (Commissioners Polanco, Leon, Zook abstained due to absence at April meeting).

**General Business**

1. Bylaws

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, revised bylaws and request Coordinator to forward to City Attorney and City Council for approval.

**Speaking from the floor with concerns:**

Gillian Greensite; a written document was presented to Commissioners by Ms. Greensite.

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**ACTION: Commissioner Zook moved, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to accept the changes to the bylaws and that the City Attorney review for legality, including Ms. Greensite's concerns. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 2. Annual Public Hearing

Recommendation --- Review information regarding Annual Public Hearing to be scheduled for a future date and, by motion, take action as necessary.

**Speaking from the floor in favor and with concerns:  
Gillian Greensite**

**ACTION: Commissioner King moved, seconded by Commissioner Leon, to postpone the annual hearing and to request that the ad hoc committee meet to formulate plans. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

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

#### Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Engage the Bystander: Commissioners Tobisch, Watkins, Polanco – **A final meeting will be scheduled.**

Resource card/support group for homeless women:: Commissioners Zook, King, Polanco – **This resource card ad hoc committee will sunset; final card completed.**

Gender and Women's rights quarterly discussions: Commissioners Polanco, Tobisch – **no meeting as yet.**

Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners King, Leon, Polanco - **no meeting as yet.**

#### Standing Committee

Police Committee: May 10, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Courtyard Conference Room.

Commissioners Christie, Polanco, Zook

#### County Domestic Violence Commission.

**April 14 meeting had a quorum but the agenda was not posted timely which restricted members from taking any action. Next meeting scheduled for June 9 at SCPD Community Room. Coordinator Agnone will investigate status of Commissioner King's appointment.**

### **Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas**

**Presentation of Violence and Gangs – Watkins tentatively June or July**

**Legislation on VAWA funding – Christie**

**Coasters – Zook**

**Women's Support Hour – King**

**Budget – Agnone (PD funding)**

**DV Month - Agnone**

**Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:00 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, May 5, 2010 to the next meeting to be scheduled on June 2, 2010 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 that decision may or may not be appealable 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

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