



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 2010 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at November 3, 2010 meeting

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

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Christie, Leon, Polanco, Tobisch, Zook
Staff: Police Liaison Sanders, CPVAW Coordinator Agnone
Absent with notification: Commissioner Watkins
Note: one open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation

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

Presentation: Vice Chair Christie requested that Commissioners approve a presentation from SCPD Detectives Garcia and Hernandez regarding the P.R.I.D.E. program. Commissioners unanimously agreed by consensus to hear their information.

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.
Ofelia Gomez spoke to Commissioners regarding a recent conference she attended and a publication of the summons. She provided conference materials to CPVAW as resource materials.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair: Vice Chair Christie directed attention to Commissioner King's resignation letter.

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Zook announced that she is expecting and is due in January. Vice Chair Christie announced that she has done a ride-along with SC Police Department.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator provided a verbal report which included news that Chair Watkins's baby was born, information on new volunteers and interested interns, and impact of shoulder injury.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 2, 2010 meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of June 2, 2010 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Zook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the June 2, 2010 minutes with revision to notification of absence by Commissioner Leon.

Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon abstained due to absence at June meeting; Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

Note: July 2010 meeting cancelled

CPVAW Meeting of September 1, 2010

Minutes of August 12, 2010 retreat meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the special retreat meeting of August 12, 2010 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Zook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the August 12, 2010 minutes with revision to notification of absence by Commissioner Leon.

Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon abstained due to absence at June meeting; Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

General Business

1. Domestic Violence Statistical Report from SCPD

Recommendation --- Review and Accept, by motion, statistical reports concerning domestic violence reports compiled by SC Police Department.

ACTION: Commissioner Leon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to accept the monthly reports for domestic violence statistics. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

2. CPVAW Objectives from retreat meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, objectives for August 2010 to July 2011 developed at special retreat meeting, designate areas of commitment by individual Commissioners, provide direction to staff, and form ad hoc committees as needed to complete work as needed.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH CONCERNS

J. Taylor

ACTION: Commissioner Zook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leon, to approve CPVAW strategic objectives with changes requested by Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Leon, to approve an ad hoc committee to foster partnership with UCSC programs/agencies. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

3. Conference and workshop registrations

Recommendation --- Review registration forms for "Seeking Safety" workshop scheduled for September 10, 2010 and Domestic Violence Conference in Monterey on October 15 and approve, by motion, attendance by Commissioners and/or staff.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve attendance and funding for listed workshop and conference. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

4. Annual Public Hearing – October 6, 2010

Recommendation --- Review plans for Annual Public Hearing scheduled tentatively for October 6 instead of monthly CPVAW meeting and approve, by motion, final plans.

ACTION: Commissioner Leon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zook, to plan for CPVAW's Annual Public Hearing and schedule for November 3, 2010 utilizing the same format as the proposed event for October. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

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5. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Recommendation --- Review plans for Domestic Violence Awareness month, provide direction to staff, and approve, by motion, final plans for October events as needed.

SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR WITH CONCERNS:

R. Norse

ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zook, to approve activities for Domestic Violence Awareness month as discussed and to provide funding not to exceed \$500 to cover expenses. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

6. Representation at County Domestic Violence Commission

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, a recommendation from the retreat meeting to have CPVAW Coordinator fill the seat at the County Domestic Violence Commission and direct staff to send notification to County Clerk of the Board.

ACTION: Commissioner Leon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve CPVAW Coordinator to be representative on County Domestic Violence Commission per draft letter included in packet. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Watkins absent; 1 open seat due to Commissioner King's resignation).

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

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

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Coasters ad hoc committee: Commissioners King, Watkins, Zook. Met June 23, 2010.

Haven't met yet:

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

Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners King, Leon, Polanco

Support Group for Homeless Women: Commissioners King, Polanco, Zook

Sunset recently:

Resource card for homeless women: Sunset March 2010 Commissioners Zook, King, Polanco

Engage the Bystander: Sunset May 2010 Commissioners Tobisch, Watkins, Polanco

Annual Public Hearing: Commissioners Watkins, Christie. Sunset June 16, 2010.

Standing Committee

Police Committee: Next meeting: scheduled **September 9 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Courtyard Conference Room.** Commissioners Christie, Polanco, Zook

County Domestic Violence Commission.

Next meeting scheduled for September 8 at Watsonville Library.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Presentation of Violence and Gangs – Watkins

CPVAW Meeting of September 1, 2010

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:45 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, September 1, 2010 to the next meeting scheduled for October 6, 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 Council in care of the City Clerk. Appeals must be received by the City Clerk within ten (10) calendar days following the date of the action from which such appeal is being taken. An appeal must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) filing fee.

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Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women
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