



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Approved at the Feb. 2, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Call to Order: Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Christie, Polanco, Babcock, Johnson, Tobisch (7 pm)

Teen Representative: K. Boyle, Staff: Coordinator Agnone

Absent with notification: Commissioner Leon, Police Liaison Sanders

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

Presentation: 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.

Councilmember Beiers welcomed her new appointee, Lisa Johnson, to the Commission and thanked the members for their work.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Chair Watkins welcomed the new Commissioners, Heather Babcock and Lisa Johnson. Commissioners Babcock and Johnson and current Commissioners provided some background and an introduction of themselves.

Chair Watkins also announced that an invitation was received for the Pro Choice Brunch hosted by the Reproductive Rights Network scheduled for January 22. Commissioners who will be attending should contact CPVAW Coordinator to work out details about the Commission tabling at the event.

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Teen Representative: Verbal report by Kimberly Boyle: Teen Rep Boyle provided an introduction of herself for the new Commissioners and spoke of her interest in working to reduce violence in her community.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone gave a verbal report that included information on city school class schedules for safety skills/self defense, public schedule for women/girls' self-defense classes, interviews and reappointments for CPVAW Commissioners Christie, Leon, and Tobisch, return of outstanding work study and intern students, presentation to Soroptomists, and appreciation for support and patience during recent medical and family issues.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 3, 2010 meeting Note: Dec 2010 meeting cancelled.

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

ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2010 as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Babcock and Johnson abstained; Commissioner Leon absent)

General Business

1. Review of CPVAW Strategic Objectives

Recommendation --- Review approved objectives that were adopted in September 2010 and, by motion, designate areas of completion and/or commitment by individual commissioners or take other action as needed.

NO ACTION TAKEN. This item will be considered at a future meeting.

2. Gender and Women's Rights Discussions:

Recommendation --- Review information from ad hoc committee regarding discussions concerning causes of violence against women and, by motion, take action as needed.

NO ACTION TAKEN. This item will be considered at a future meeting.

3. Take Back Our Streets Event 2011

Recommendation --- Discuss the idea of a "Take Back Our Streets" event in 2011 similar to January 2010 event coordinated by community women's group and, by motion, take action as needed.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, that an ad hoc committee be established for quick action by February to develop and finalize a "Take Back Our Streets" event in 2011. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Leon absent)

Ad hoc members: Commissioners Babcock, Christie, Watkins

4. CPVAW Retreat in March 2010

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, a "mini" half-day retreat in March 2011 which would be in place of the regular monthly meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, that, in lieu of the regular March 2 meeting, that an evening retreat with a working dinner meeting be scheduled.

The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Leon absent)

5. Annual Joint Report on Sexual Assault

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the formation of ad hoc committee to develop information and content with police department staff for Annual Joint Report on Sexual Assault.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve creating an ad hoc committee for the development of the Annual Joint Report on Sexual Assault to City Council, tentatively planned for finalization by April 2011.

The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Leon absent)

Ad hoc members: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins

6. Review of Ad hoc Committees

Recommendation --- Review current ad hoc committees to determine continuing work and, by motion, establish current members.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to approve changes as discussed to the ad hoc committees.

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Note: changes will be listed in "Committee Reports" section in order to provide clarity.
Commissioner Tobisch and Teen Rep Boyle will meet Coordinator Agnone to discuss the coasters with plans to be presented at the Feb 2011 full Commission meeting.
The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Leon absent)

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM: Due to the need to take action on this item tonight and the fact that this information was not received in time to add to the agenda, Chair Watkins asked for a motion to add an item regarding training scheduled for January 19.

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to add an agenda item regarding human trafficking training.
The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Leon absent)

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve CPVAW members' attendance at the human trafficking training on January 19 and pay registration fees as needed.
The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Leon absent)
List of possible attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Watkins, Polanco, Christie, Leon

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

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES: Note: these committees were discussed as agenda items at this meeting and specific action taken during general business is listed again below for convenience

Current:

- Gender and Women's rights quarterly discussions: Will sunset in March 2011.
Commissioners Polanco, Tobisch, Leon
- Take Back Our Streets 2011 Event: Commissioners Babcock, Christie, Watkins
- Annual Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins
- UCSC programs/agencies Partnerships: Commissioners Tobisch, Johnson, Watkins

Will plan to schedule first meetings in May 2011:

- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners Leon, Polanco
Note: Another member can be added.
- Support Group for Homeless Women: Commissioners Leon, Polanco
Note: Another member can be added.

Sunset recently:

- Coasters ad hoc committee: Commissioners King, Watkins, Zook. Met June 23, 2010
Sunset December 2010
- 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: Sunset June 16, 2010 Commissioners Watkins, Christie

STANDING COMMITTEE

CPVAW Police Committee: Quarterly meetings will be established by February 2. Commissioners Christie, Polanco, Leon

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Coordinator Agnone will attend the next meeting scheduled for February 9 at the Watsonville library.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

February: Presentation of Violence and Gangs – Watkins

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:55 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, January 5, 2011 to the next regular meeting scheduled for February 2, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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