



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 6:45 p.m.
City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes were approved as submitted at April 6, 2011 meeting.

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

Roll Call: Present: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Babcock, Christie, Johnson, Polanco, Tobisch, Teen Rep, 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: Gina Castaneda, Deputy Probation Officer, County of Santa Cruz presented information regarding gangs and girls.

Statements of Disqualification: None

Oral Communications: None

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Invitation to Walnut Avenue Women's Center event, Agave Agape on March 5, 2011

Invitation to screening of documentary, "BOYHOOD SHADOWS" on Feb. 19, 2011

Other Commission Member Announcements: None

Teen Representative: Verbal report by Kimberly Boyle: None

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator: **Coordinator provided a verbal report that included evaluations from Women's Beginning self-defense class, appreciation for Charisse, Lana, and Meg's work at office, new roster distributed, announcement of restructuring of city manager/city clerk departments, and holiday on Feb. 21.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 5, 2011 meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of January 5, 2011 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Polanco moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the January 5, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent)

General Business

1. Election of officers

Recommendation --- Submit nominations and conduct elections as defined in order to elect new Chair and Vice Chair for 2011.

Chair Watkins opened the floor to nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Christie nominated Martine Watkins to return as Chair.

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**ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to close nominations. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).
By voice vote, Commissioners unanimously voted for Watkins.**

Chair Watkins opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Johnson nominated Pat Christie to return as vice chair.

ACTION: Commissioner Polanco moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to close nominations.

The motion pass unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).

By voice vote, Commissioners unanimously voted for Christie.

2. CPVAW representation on committees/County DV Commission

Recommendation --- Review representation on CPVAW Police Committee and County Domestic Violence Commission and approve, by motion, volunteer assignments to each body.

ACTION: Commissioner Chrisite moved, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve representation on Police Committee as Commissioners Babcock, Tobisch, and Christie for 2011. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).

No action taken on County Domestic Violence Commission; current representation by Coordinator Agnone will continue.

3. Joint Report on Sexual Assault

Recommendation --- Review the 2008 Joint Report on Sexual Assault and discuss timeline and process to complete a draft copy by March 2011 with input by SC Police Department staff for the 2011 Joint Report on Sexual Assault. **Suggestions were made but NO ACTION TAKEN.**

4. Gender and Women's Rights Discussions:

Recommendation --- Review information from Commissioner Polanco and ad hoc committee regarding discussions concerning causes of violence against women and, by motion, take action as needed. Commissioner Polanco shared a powerpoint presentation with Commissioners.

ACTION: Commissioner Polanco moved, seconded by Chair Watkins, to accept changes of Commissioners to the Gender Equality and Women's Rights Discussions ad hoc committee to assist in finalizing this project.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).

Members: Commissioners Polanco, Leon, Watkins

5. Take Back Our Streets Event 2011

Recommendation --- Review plans for the "Take Back Our Streets" event on Friday, February 18, 2011 and, by motion, take action as needed. **NO ACTION TAKEN. Event is planned and flyers will be distributed.**

6. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event – April 9, 2011

Recommendation --- Hear information regarding event sponsored by Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujuers to determine level of support and participation.

Speaking from the floor in support:

Steve Pleich

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to support this event by partnering to secure locations, participating as available, and sending

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information via email to CPVAW's distribution lists. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).

7. Youth Symposium – March 11, 2011

Recommendation --- Review information regarding a youth symposium, Victim & Perpetrator: Clinical Portraits of Bullies, the Bullied & Gang Affiliated Youth, to determine interest in attending.

ACTION: Commissioner Babcock moved, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve funding for registrations for Commissioners, self-defense teachers, and teen representative to attend Youth Symposium. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).

8. CPVAW Retreat in March 2010

Recommendation --- Review plans for the retreat in March 2, 2011 which will be scheduled in place of the regular monthly meeting, and, by motion, take action as needed.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve draft agenda for retreat which will substitute for the March regular meeting with funding not to exceed \$100 for supplies. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Leon absent).

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

Teen Rep Boyle shared a flyer which listed information on a local self-defense class.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Current:

- Gender and Women's rights quarterly discussions: Will sunset in March 2011.
Commissioners Polanco, Leon, Watkins
- Take Back Our Streets 2011 Event: Commissioners Babcock, Christie, Watkins
Sunset – Event scheduled for February 18, 2011
- Annual Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins
Meeting Next week to be confirmed
- UCSC programs/agencies Partnerships: Commissioners Tobisch, Johnson, Watkins
Meeting Next week to be confirmed

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.

Standing Committee

Police Committee: Last meeting scheduled January 18, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Tony Hill Room at the Civic Auditorium.

As of Feb., 2011 Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch

County Domestic Violence Commission.

Coordinator Agnone will attend the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 9 – location to be determined.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

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Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 9:15 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, February 2, 2011 to the RETREAT meeting scheduled for March 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Courtyard at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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