



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

Minutes

Regular Meeting

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

Minutes approved as submitted at May 4, 2011 meeting.

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

Roll Call: Present: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch
Teen Representative: K. Boyle, Police Liaison Sanders, Staff: Coordinator Agnone
Absent with notification: Commissioners Johnson and Polanco
Absent without notification: Commissioner Leon

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.

Anna Brooks, member of the public, complimented CPVAW members for their work.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair: Chair Watkins noted that an invitation to the “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event, which CPVAW is partnering with Women’s Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres, is scheduled for April 9, 2011.

Other Commission Member Announcements: Commissioner Christie shared an article from the Sentinel that the Women Lawyers of SC County will hear from Vilma Guerrero at a luncheon on April 8. She will speak on “The Impact of Immigration Laws on Victims of Domestic Violence and their Families”.

Teen Representative: Verbal report by Kimberly Boyle No report at this time.

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that summer schedule for self-defense classes is set, coasters were ready for distribution by Commissioners, voiced appreciation for Lana, Charisse, and Megan for their work, thanked Commissioner Tobisch for her representation/speaking at the Women Meet at the Bridge event at the town clock, and informed Commissioners that funding has again been received from SC City Schools and City Manager for 2011-2012 safety skills program at the schools.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 2 and March 2, 2011 meetings

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of February 2, 2011 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve the minutes from February 2, 2011 as submitted.**

The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Johnson, Leon, Polanco absent)

CPVAW Meeting of April 6, 2011

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the notes from the retreat meeting of March 2, 2011 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve the minutes from March 2, 2011 as submitted.**
The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Johnson, Leon, Polanco absent)

General Business

1. Joint Report on Sexual Assault
Recommendation --- Review the 2008 Joint Report on Sexual Assault and discuss timeline and process to complete a draft copy with input by SC Police Department staff for the 2011 Joint Report on Sexual Assault and, by motion, take action as needed.
Speaking from the floor in favor:
Gillian Greensite
No Action Taken. Ad hoc committee will consider suggestions from Commissioners and public at their next meeting.
2. Annual Report for 2010 to Council
Recommendation --- Review 2008/2009 report to Council to determine process to complete 2010 report for presentation to City Council and, by motion, take action as needed.
ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to request that Chair Watkins and Coordinator Agnone work together to develop a draft of the annual report and presentation for 2010 and the draft be ready for review and approval at the May 2011 meeting.
The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Johnson, Leon, Polanco absent)
3. Annual Public Hearing -
Recommendation --- Review information to consider annual public hearing and, by motion, take action as needed.
Speaking from the floor with concerns:
Gillian Greensite
ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to form an ad hoc committee to discuss the annual public hearing and 30th Anniversary.
The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Johnson, Leon, Polanco absent)
Members of the ad hoc: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Babcock, Christie
4. Review of CPVAW Retreat - March 2011
Recommendation --- Review timeline and other issues discussed at the retreat on March 2, 2011 (which was scheduled in place of the regular monthly meeting), and, by motion, take action as needed.
No Action Taken

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

Safety Skills Presentation to City Council- April 26, 2011 7 pm

Information regarding CPVAW's safety skills classes will be shared with City Council on April 26, 2011 at the 7 pm meeting. Plans for this presentation include graphs, information, teachers' comments, students' comments (Teen Rep Kimmy Boyle), and SC City School representative.

Youth Symposium – March 11, 2011

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The youth symposium, *Victim & Perpetrator: Clinical Portraits of Bullies, the Bullied & Gang Affiliated Youth*, was cancelled due to the tsunami. Materials from the event were mailed and distributed to those who were registered.

Take Back Our Streets Event 2011

Verbal information on “Take Back Our Streets” event on Friday, February 18, 2011. The rain cleared and 25-30 folks participated.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Recently Sunset

- Gender and Women’s rights quarterly discussions: Sunset in March 2011.
Commissioners Polanco, Watkins, Leon
- Take Back Our Streets event. Sunset in February, 2011
Commissioners Babcock, Christie, Watkins

Current:

- Annual Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins
Met February 24, 2011 at 2 pm and reviewed timeline and different ideas for report
- UCSC programs/agencies Partnerships: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins
Met February 9, 2011 at 1 pm and reviewed various programs and discussed possible partnerships with representatives of UC SHOP, Women’s Center, Sexual Health Educator, and Family Housing Services. CPVAW staff will follow up with organizations and report to full commission as needed.

Will plan to schedule first meetings in May 2011:

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

Standing Committee

Police Committee: Last meeting scheduled January 18, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Tony Hill Room at the Civic Auditorium. Commissioners Polanco and Leon absent. As of February 2011, Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch appointed to committee. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011 from 4:30-6 pm.

County Domestic Violence Commission.

Coordinator Agnone attended the February 9, 2011 meeting at the Watsonville library. A sector report was developed and distributed from the District Attorney’s office. There was discussion regarding the challenges due to the recent changes to the courts. The next meeting is April 13, 2011 for the annual retreat.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Gender and Women’s Rights Discussions – Polanco

Status of sexual assault cases: Judge Almquist? DA Lee? – Watkins

Ordinance Review – Christie

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Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:30 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 6, 2011 to the Retreat meeting scheduled for May 4, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the City Hall Courtyard at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women
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