



# Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2011 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at Sept 7, 2011 meeting.

**Call to Order :** Chair Watson called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm.

**Roll Call:** **Present:** Commissioners Watkins, Comstock, Johnson, Polanco, Tobisch  
**Staff:** CPVAW Coordinator Agnone.  
**Absent with notification:** Commissioners Babcock, Christie, 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:** None

### Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair: None

Other Commission Member Announcements: None

Teen Representative: open seat None

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator: **CPVAW Coordinator Agnone provided a verbal report that included information on the office move, handouts concerning agenda items 1, 3, & 5 as well as handouts of CPVAW roster and current information regarding the Wyndham Hotels and child sex trafficking prevention issue.**

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes of July 6, 2011 meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of July 6, 2011 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the July 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Babcock and Christie absent)**

### General Business

1. Annual Report for 2010 to Council

Recommendation --- Discuss Annual Report presentation to Council done on Tuesday, July 26, and, by motion, take action as needed. **No Action Taken**

2. Elimination of All Forms of Violence Against Women

Recommendation --- Review power point presentation, information, and plans of project titled "The Elimination of all Forms of Violence Against Women and, by motion, take action as needed.

**Speaking from the floor: Laura Segura, Executive Director of Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres**

## CPVAW Meeting of August 3, 2011

**ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to direct staff to work with Commissioner Polanco to review the project information, researched availability of current statistics, to prioritize target populations, and to return with final plans to full Commission at a future date. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Babcock and Christie absent)**

3. Slut Walk

Recommendation --- Review a proposal for a “Slut Walk” and, by motion, take action as needed.

**ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to direct staff and Commissioner Polanco to look for support within the community and UCSC for a slut walk event in the fall. The motion passed: 4 ayes (Watkins, Johnson, Polanco, Tobisch); 1 nay (Comstock). (Commissioners Babcock and Christie absent).**

4. Petition Regarding Silent Protest by Texas Cheerleader

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion to support a petition regarding a silent protest by Texas cheerleader **ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve support the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Babcock and Christie absent). CPVAW Coordinator will meet with Mayor Coonerty as is the practice when items such as this are approved by advisory bodies.**

5. Domestic Violence Month Plans

Recommendation – Review activities and discuss ideas for 2011 DV Awareness Month activities to partner with other commissions/agencies, approved initial funding of \$200, and, by motion, other action as needed. **ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Comstock, to approve initial funding of \$200 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to add SC Neighbors Block Party event on October 2 to calendar, and to hear final DV month plans at the September CPVAW meeting. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Babcock and Christie absent).**

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

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

#### AD HOC COMMITTEES:

##### Current:

- Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins  
Met February 24, 2011 at 2 pm and reviewed timeline and different ideas for report. No action was taken at the April meeting. The ad hoc committee will schedule a meeting to review data and discuss trends, timeline, and process to complete a draft copy by September with input by SC Police Department staff for the 2011 Joint Report on Sexual Assault.
- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners Polanco, Babcock, Christie  
Met June 13 @ 6:30 pm and heard information from CPVAW Coordinator Agnone. Will schedule meeting with Catalyst management to hear their perspective.
- Annual Public Hearing for October: Commissioners Watkins, Babcock, Christie  
Met June 13 at 5:30 pm and reviewed past annual hearing agendas. Tentatively scheduled Public Hearing for Oct. meeting which would include a reception 2-3 pm, the hearing from 3-5 pm. Awards were discussed. Final plans will be presented at August Commission meeting.

##### Has not met yet

- Support Group for Homeless Women: Commissioner Polanco  
Note: Another member must be added due to Commissioner Leon’s resignation

## **CPVAW Meeting of August 3, 2011**

### Standing Committee

Police Committee: Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch appointed to committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 18 at 5:30 pm in the courtyard conference room.

Verbal report will be given Tentative schedule for future meetings: 3rd Mon of every 3 months: Oct. 17, & Jan. 16, 2012.

### County Domestic Violence Commission.

Coordinator Agnone was not able to attend the April 13 meeting to represent CPVAW. A request for meeting information has been sent by Coordinator Agnone. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 5:30 in Watsonville.

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

**Victims Assistance/Services at County DA office and event plans – Comstock**

**Engaging the Bystander Collaborations with other agencies in adapting – Comstock**

**Spreadsheets for sexual assault data - Tobisch**

**Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women will adjourned at 8:50 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, August 3, 2011 to the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for September 7, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the City Hall Courtyard 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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## **CPVAW Meeting of August 3, 2011**

Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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