



**Commission for the Prevention of
Violence Against Women**

NOTES

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

October 5, 2011 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

809 Center Street

These notes were accepted as submitted at the December 7, 2011 meeting.

From 2:00-3:00 pm, there will be time for networking and refreshments.

Call to Order: Chair Watkins called the annual public hearing to order at 3:05 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Watkins, Babcock, Christie, Comstock, Johnson, Tobisch
Absent with notification: Commissioner Polanco

Welcome and Introduction to Public Hearing: Chair Watkins welcomed those in attendance and those at home to the hearing.

Judge Ari Symons stated her support of the Commission and the importance of the programs and education that are provided. Congratulations were given for the 30th Anniversary.

Presentation of Commission, its programs and events> Coordinator Agnone provided an overview of the Commission, the programs, events, and highlighted information on the 30th Anniversary which will provide an art project as well as the dedication of a grove of ginkgo trees on Center St by the library.

Award Presentations by CPVAW: Commissioners presented awards honoring the following individuals and agencies for their outstanding partnership, collaboration, and support with the Commission on services and programs that benefit the community of Santa Cruz.

CPVAW Coordinator Kathy Agnone
Katrina Rogers
Butch Baker
Sylvia Nieto
Julie Schneider
Walnut Avenue Women's Center
Women's Crisis Support – Defensa de Mujeres
Santa Cruz City Schools
Leonie Sherman
Take Back Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz Neighbors

Public Comment – Members of the Public are invited to address the Commission on issues of concern and interest. Prior to the meeting, information can also be sent to the Commission via fax 831-420-5011, e-mail cpvaw@cityofsantacruz.com, or by mail to 809 Center St. room 10, Santa Cruz 95060. Time limits may be observed.

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Commissioner's Review of Public Comment – The Commissioners will not take action, but may provide direction to staff.

Steve Pleich spoke on the importance of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) which provides protection regarding reporting.

SC Education Foundation complimented the Commission on the 30th Anniversary and is happy with the progress and partnership regarding safety skills/self-defense classes at the schools.

Chair Watkins read Mayor Coonerty's Proclamation regarding CPVAW's 30th Anniversary.

Councilmember Robinson related her gratitude and appreciation for the members of the CPVAW and their commitment and energy.

Adjournment: The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 4:35 pm from the October 5 Annual Public Hearing to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. at Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

Appeals - Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision 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.

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