



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

The minutes were approved as submitted at the December 7, 2011 meeting.

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

Roll Call: Present: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Babcock, Christie, Comstock, Johnson, Tobisch
Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone
Absent with notification: Commissioner Polanco; PD 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:

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Teen Representative: open seat

Staff Announcements: **Coordinator Agnone informed Commissioners of the office move, return of Charisse Inglesia as a work study student, invitation to PD training, and preparations for Domestic Violence Awareness month.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of August 3, 2011 meeting

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of August 3, 2011 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve the August 3, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Babcock & Christie abstained due to absence at Aug meeting; Commissioner Polanco absent)**

General Business

1. Annual Public Hearing/30th Anniversary Celebration

Recommendation – Discuss plans for Annual Public Hearing/30th Anniversary Celebration, funding amounts, and, by motion, approve final plans. which will include an afternoon reception, presentation by CPVAW and local agencies, and opportunity for community members to speak to Commissioners. **ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Comstock, to ask the Chair, Vice Chair, and Coordinator to meet to finalize the list of awards to be presented at the Annual Public Hearing/30th Anniversary Recognition on October 5. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent).**

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ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve funding of the Annual Public Hearing/30th Anniversary not to exceed \$500. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent).

2. Women's Crisis Support – Defensa de Mujeres Annual Reception
Recommendation – Review invitation to WCS-DdM Annual Reception, and by motion, designate CPVAW representatives to attend at a cost of \$35 per person. **ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve funding to attend WCS-DdM Reception event on Thursday, September 29 at Bargetto's Winery from 5:30-8 pm. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent). Attendees: Chair Watkins, Commissioners Christie, Comstock, and Johnson.**
3. Domestic Violence Month Plans
Recommendation – Review activities and discuss ideas for 2011 DV Awareness Month activities to partner with other commissions/agencies, approve total budget, and, by motion, other action as needed. **ACTION: After reviewing activities for the month, Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Comstock, to approve funding up to \$700 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (which includes \$200 previously approved and \$500 for Annual Public Hearing/30th Anniversary events). This motion will provide up to \$700 of funding for all DV month events. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent)**
4. Spreadsheets for Sexual Assault Data
Recommendation – Review revised data spreadsheet from CPVAW Police Committee and, by motion, approve revisions as indicated. **ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve suggested changes to the data spreadsheet as recommended which include day of week, time, definitions of abbreviations, better use of current columns, and suggested responses for some columns. he motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent)**

Information Items:

Commissioner Tobisch reminded members of the Santa Cruz Neighbors Block Party events on Sunday, October 2.

Commissioner Christie commented that she was happy to hear that the Wyndham Hotels have signed the code of conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism.

Commissioner Johnson informed members of a Human Trafficking Information Workshop.

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 researched trends, timeline, and process to complete a draft copy 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

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Met June 13 @ 6:30 pm and heard information from CPVAW Coordinator Agnone. **The ad hoc committee will schedule a meeting before December with Catalyst Management.**

- 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. **The ad hoc committee is sunset due to final action taken at tonight's meeting on agenda item 1.**

Has not met yet

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

Standing Committee

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

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 17 at 5:30 pm in the courtyard conference room. Tentative schedule for future meetings: Jan. 16, 2012.

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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 – Nov - Comstock

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

Teen Dating Violence – Nov – Watkins

Art Project for April – Nov – Comstock

Code of Conduct for Hotels – Nov - Christie

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:50 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, September 7, 2011 to the Annual Public Hearing/30th Anniversary Recognition scheduled for October 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz. Reception to precede meeting from 2-3 pm.

Note: the Annual Public Hearing will take the place of the regular monthly meeting of the Commission.

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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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