



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at March 7, 2012 meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Chair Christie, Commissioners Comstock, Johnson, Tobisch, Polanco
Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone
Absent with notification: Commissioners Babcock, Watkins, Police Liaison Sanders

The Chair may announce and set time limits at the beginning of each agenda item.

Presentation: Documentary on Domestic Violence: Due to technical difficulties, this presentation was shown at 7:40 pm. Tayler Paskal and Valerie Guardiola provided background to the creation of their 10 minute documentary. Commissioners were appreciative and had various ideas that may come back for action on a future agenda.

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.
Caitlin Stinneford introduced herself as the UCSC Sexual Violence Prevention Educator. She provided background and voiced her interest in partnering with CPVAW on programs, projects, and discussions.

Nia Franklin introduced herself as a reporter for the *City on the Hill Press*, UCSC's student run newspaper. She is working on an article regarding budget cuts to Walnut Avenue Women's Centers' services for women and children and was interested in hearing additional information regarding CPVAW programs and goals.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair and Commissioners:

Commissioner Johnson shared information on a Sundance Festival documentary called "Invisible War" which focuses on rape in the military.

Commissioner Johnson also provided information that the Susan G Komen Foundation announced that they would cut funding for breast screening performed at Planned Parenthood clinics.

Chair Christie announced that there were interesting articles in the media:

1. Article in Jan. 30 SC Sentinel reporting that Survivors Healing Center has now joined the Family Service Agency's list of services.
2. Editorial titled "How pimps use the Web to see girls" by Nicholas Kristof of NY Times.
3. Article regarding psychological evaluation test for suspect in local sexual assault.

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Teen Representative: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that she has distributed information to the SC City Schools office as well as to Commissioner Watkins for distribution to the County Office of Education regarding the opportunity for a teen woman and man to serve on CPVAW.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone provided information on the hand-outs at tonight's meeting which include a new roster, flyer for *Our Youth, Our Community* workshop on Feb. 2 with a focus on Teen Dating Violence; an invitation to Walnut Avenue Women's Center Fundraising event, *Agave Agape*, on March 3; domestic violence data sheets from 2007-2011; info sheets on *Young Women's Empowerment Weekend* in April; and an example of the edited bookmarks. The edits for the bookmarks and Homeless Women's Resource cards are ready and will be sent to the printer; special thanks to Elisa Davies, CPVAW intern, and Charisse Iglesias, CPVAW work study, for their detailed work on the edits.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 4, 2012

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of January 4, 2012 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the January 4, 2012 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioner Polanco abstained due to absence at Jan meeting; Commissioners Babcock and Watkins absent)**

General Business

1. "Miss Representation" Documentary Screening

Recommendation – Review information in consideration of supporting the screening of the documentary, *Miss Representation*, in Santa Cruz, and, by motion, take action as necessary.

**ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to contribute \$50 toward the rental costs of the Nickelodeon for the screening of the documentary and to voice interest in tabling at the event scheduled for Saturday, March 10. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Babcock and Watkins absent)
Commissioners interested in tabling: Comstock, Polanco**

2. National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence (NCHDV) in March in SF

Recommendation – Review information regarding conference in SF and, by motion, make final appointment of representative who will be attending.

No new action taken on this item

Chair Christie and Commissioner Polanco reported that they have decided to each attend a day at the conference. Chair Christie will not need the hotel for Thursday night & will attend the Friday workshops on March 30. Commissioner Polanco will stay overnight on Friday, March 30 and attend the workshops on Saturday, March 31 and head home after the conference ends. CPVAW Coordinator will confirm the details and provide information for Christie and Polanco.

3. Take Back Our Streets event

Recommendation – Review information regarding a "Take Back Our Streets" event in February 2012 (full moon Feb. 7. March 8) and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to sponsor the "Take Back Our Streets" event on Thursday, March 8 from 6:30-7:30 pm with Take Back Santa Cruz and requested CPVAW Coordinator to obtain needed permit and coordinate details with Commissioner Babcock in order to send out invitations and flyers. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Babcock and Watkins absent)

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4. Jon E Nadherny/Caliciano Memorial Youth Symposium
Recommendation - Review information regarding conference to be held on March 9, 2012 and, by motion, take action as necessary.
ACTION: Commissioners Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve funding for up to 2 CPVAW members to attend the conference scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2012 and requested CPVAW Coordinator to canvas CPVAW members for interest in attending. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Babcock and Watkins absent)

Information Items (no action shall be taken on these items) **None**

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins Meetings on Jan. 18 and Jan. 23, 2012.**
Ad hoc members reported that various data points were considered and research duties split up. Various other agencies in other cities are being contacted to determine if they collect similar data points. Goal will be to complete research and provide draft report to full Commission by April.
- **CPVAW Art Project: Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins First Meeting: Jan. 18, 2012**
Ad hoc members reported that various ideas were considered. Crystal Birns, SC Arts Commission Coordinator, attended the meeting by invitation and provided some valuable information. Members requested that CPVAW Coordinator contact Randee Fox, the original artist for the current poster, to see if she interested in updating the poster. Members will meet once more and then hope to provide a recommendation at the March 2012 meeting for the full Commission to consider.
- **Teen Dating Violence: Babcock, Johnson, Watkins First Meeting: Jan. 18, 2012**
Members reported that Jen O'Brien attended the meeting by invitation and provided information regarding the "Coaching Boys to Men" program. Various ideas were considered and CPVAW Coordinator was asked to contact Eileen Brown at SC City Schools Student Services with information on the program and the possibility of introducing the program as a pilot. Follow up will be with the staff at SC High and Mission Hill Middle Schools with a picnic, speakers (Glenallen Hill?) and raffles to spark interest and engage athletic directors/coaches in the program. Long term goals would be to involve as many sports on campus as possible and also reach out to Little League, Soccer, and other off campus coaching situations.

To be reviewed at future date:

- Support Group for Homeless Women: Commissioner Polanco, Comstock
- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners Polanco, Babcock, Christie

Standing Committee

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

The meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Police Committee members reported that they discussed the issue of status of cases again.

Commissioners will investigate the "Court Watch" program that was discussed with ADA Jeff

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Rosell. The members also discussed the “Most Wanted” media campaign and plan to bring a letter of appreciation of the program to the full Commission for approval. The next meeting is scheduled tentatively for May 14, 2012 at 5:30 pm. Plans to set a schedule for the whole year and post on CPVAW website will be the goal.

County Domestic Violence Commission.

Coordinator Agnone attended the November 9 meeting to represent CPVAW. There was discussion about the Secure Communities Impact on DV victims & families. A graph of dv calls for 2010 was distributed for discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012 in Watsonville at the Library meeting room. CPVAW Coordinator will attend to represent CPVAW as a voting member. Oral Report to be given at March 2012 CPVAW meeting.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Victim Rights Week events – Commissioner Comstock
Support Group for Homeless Women Ad hoc Committee – Comstock
Coaching Boys to Men Program – Teen Dating Awareness ad hoc
Miss Representation Screening final details and information
Most Wanted Campaign letter of appreciation
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
2013 Budget Plans for CPVAW

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:32 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, February 1, 2012 to the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for March 7, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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