



Commission for the Prevention of Violence  
Against Women  
**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 6:45 p.m.  
City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

**Minutes were approved as submitted on April 4, 2012.**

Call to Order: **Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 6:52 pm.**

Roll Call: **Present: Chair Christie, Commissioners Babcock, Comstock, Johnson, Polanco, Tobisch (7 pm), Watkins, Police Liaison Sanders**  
**Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone**

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

Presentation: **None scheduled**

Statements of Disqualification: **None**

Oral Communications –**None**

Announcements - No action may be taken

**Announcements by Chair:**

**Take Back Our Streets event – March 8 at 6:30 pm; City Hall Courtyard**  
**Jon E Nadherny/Caliciano Memorial Youth Symposium – March 9 at Coconut Grove**  
**“Miss Representation” Documentary Screening – March 10 at 10 am; Nickelodeon**  
**Futures Without Violence Conference – March 30 (Pat) & March 31 (Rossi); SF**

Other Commission Member Announcements:

**Commissioner Watkins reported that the following workshops are scheduled:**

- 1. Miss Representation documentary: March 15 at the Heritage Theatre**
- 2. Miss Representation documentary: March 21 at Good Shepherd School**
- 3. Workshop for Community Members – Live Oak**

**Commissioner Polanco announced that Survivors Healing Center has scheduled their walk to “Stop the Silence” for April 21 in Watsonville.**

Teen Representative: open seat – **announcements sent to district office for distribution**

Staff Announcements: **CPVAW Coordinator Agnone provided information to members concerning various projects at the office and the news that Charisse Inglesia, work study extraordinaire, will be graduating in March and her work is appreciated and valued.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 1, 2012

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of February 1, 2012 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the February 1 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. (Commissioners Babcock and Watkins abstained due to their absence at February meeting)**

## CPVAW Meeting of March 7, 2012

### General Business

1. Joint Report on Sexual Assault  
Recommendation - Hear from Ad hoc committee regarding status of report development and discuss various issues, timeline and process to assist the ad hoc committee in completing a draft copy with input by SC Police Department staff for the Joint Report on Sexual Assault and, by motion, take action as necessary.  
**NO ACTION TAKEN.**
  
2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month  
Recommendation – Review plans for Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities in April and, by motion, take action as necessary.  
**ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to direct staff to coordinate the events for Sexual Assault Awareness Month that are planned including Girls Empowerment Weekend, Crime Victims Awareness event, Survivors Healing Center Walk, and other events as identified. The motion passed unanimously.**  
  
**ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve funding for SAAM not to exceed \$300.00. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
3. Victims Assistance/Services at County DA office and event plans  
Recommendation – Hear information regarding event plans for April for Victims Assistance Services and support of Victims Awareness Month activities, and by motion, take action as needed.  
**ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve support and sponsorship for Crime Victims Rights event by distributing information, participation, and amplified sound permit application. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
4. Call to Artists for CPVAW Poster Contest  
Recommendation – Hear information from ad hoc committee regarding poster contest and, by motion, take action as necessary.  
**ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve funding not to exceed \$500 to solicit artists for updating the poster and to work with local graphic designer to finalize the call as well as selected art. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
5. Support Group for Homeless Women ad hoc committee meeting  
Recommendation – Discuss possibility of scheduling the ad hoc committee after reviewing current projects, timelines, etc in order to move this item forward with the 6 month sunset deadline for ad hoc, and, by motion, take action as necessary.  
**ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to direct the Support Group for Homeless Women ad hoc to begin meeting by May 2012 in order to move this issue forward. The motion passed unanimously.**
  
6. Most Wanted Campaign Letter of Appreciation  
Recommendation – Review draft letter of appreciation regarding most wanted media campaign and, by motion, take action as necessary.  
**ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to direct CPVAW Coordinator and Police Committee Chair to develop a draft letter**

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**addressing the “Most Wanted Campaign” to bring back to the full commission at a future date. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 7. Court Watch Program

Recommendation – Hear information regarding local Court Watch program and, by motion, take action as necessary.

**ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to direct CPVAW Coordinator to explore the Court Watch program and report back to the full Commission. The motion passed unanimously.**

### 8. 2013 Budget Plans for CPVAW

Recommendation – Review tentative budget for 2012-2013 and, by motion, take action as necessary.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

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

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – “Coaching Boys to Men” Program Plans **No new information – waiting to hear back from city schools.**

**Transformative Action/Restorative Justice workshop information was shared by Commissioner Tobisch.**

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

#### AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins  
Last meeting February 22
- CPVAW Art Project: Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins  
First Meeting: Jan. 18, 2012. Met again February 22
- Teen Dating Violence: Babcock, Johnson, Watkins  
First Meeting: Jan. 18, 2012
- **Support Group for Homeless Women: Commissioners Comstock, Polanco, Johnson  
First meeting: TBD in May 2012**

To be reviewed at future date:

- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners Polanco, Babcock, Christie

#### Standing Committee

Police Committee: Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch appointed to committee. Minutes from Jan. 25, 2012 meeting attached. **The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the courtyard conference room.**

#### County Domestic Violence Commission.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 8, 2012 in Watsonville at the Library meeting room. **CPVAW Coordinator was unable to attend to represent CPVAW as a voting member.**

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

**Commissioner Comstock noted that she will be absent for the April 2012 meeting.**

**Young Women’s Empowerment Weekend 2012**

## CPVAW Meeting of March 7, 2012

**Adjournment** The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:53 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, March 7, 2012 to the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for April 4, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women  
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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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