



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women
MINUTES
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 6:45 p.m.
City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved with edits at May 2, 2012 meeting.

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

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

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

Presentation: **None scheduled**

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.

Michael Becker of Take Back Santa Cruz introduced himself to Commissioners and spoke about the planned partnership of community members for a Court Watch program.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Chair Christie asked that Commissioners provide brief reports regarding the following events:

Take Back Our Streets event – March 8 at 6:30 pm; City Hall Courtyard

“Miss Representation” Documentary Screening – March 10 at 10 am; Nickelodeon

Futures Without Violence Conference – March 30 (Pat) & March 31 (Rossi); SF

Chair Christie directed Commissioners to the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event flyer that lists the numerous events scheduled throughout the County of Santa Cruz.

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Polanco provided a reminder of tabling opportunity at the Walk to Stop the Silence event scheduled for April 21, 2012.

Teen Representative: open seat. Commissioners asked for electronic copies of the information sheet and application.

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator which included flyers for Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities and a reminder to Commissioners to pick up their coasters at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of March 7, 2012

CPVAW Meeting of April 4, 2012

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of March 7, 2012 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the March 7 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Johnson absent).**

General Business

1. Young Women's Empowerment Weekend -

Recommendation – View Power point presentation by Michelle Myers regarding Young Women's Empowerment Weekend in consideration of providing a scholarship for a student to attend, and, by motion, take action as needed.

Michelle Myers introduced the Young Women's Empowerment Weekend (YWEW) program and provided background, history, issues addressed, and goals.

Speaking from the floor in favor: Sheila Delany

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve funding of \$150.00 for a scholarship. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Johnson absent) .

2. Media Campaign – Most Wanted Listings

Recommendation – Review information regarding most wanted media campaign and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Comstock, to request Commissioner Babcock and Coordinator Agnone rework the draft version of the letter to bring back to the full Commission at a future date. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Johnson absent) .

3. Women's Commission – Community Forum Partnership

Recommendation – Hear information from Women's Commission and, by motion, take action as necessary.

Sheila Delany provided information on the County Women's Commission's Status of Women and Girls (SOWAG) Report and the scheduled community forums.

ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to approve co-sponsorship of the Women's Commission's forum scheduled for May 17, 2012. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Johnson absent) .

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

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – “Coaching Boys to Men” Program Plans

Coordinator Agnone will contact the SCCS district offices regarding outreach of “Coaching Boys to Men” program.

Joint Report on Sexual Assault

The ad hoc Committee is continuing to develop draft version for full Commission's review. The data is verified and graphed.

Call to Artists for CPVAW

A copy of information that was sent out to Cultural Council and CPVAW distribution list for artwork for poster and possibly coasters, bookmarks, etc was distributed.

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Support Group for Homeless Women ad hoc committee meeting

Commissioners Comstock and Polanco reported that there will be meeting at the Homeless Shelter with Walnut Avenue Women's Center and Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres staff.

Court Watch Program

Coordinator Agnone provided information from the meeting scheduled on Monday. Commissioners are interested in receiving more information that provides the background, goals, and training regarding this program.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Joint Report on Sexual Assault: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins
- CPVAW Art Project: Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins
- Teen Dating Violence: Babcock, Johnson, Watkins

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.** Future meetings Aug. 6 and Nov. 19 at 5:30 pm.

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

Court Watch

Legislation – Women's Issues

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:55 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 4, 2012 to the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for May 2, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers 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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Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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