



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was moved to the Tony Hill Room at the
Civic Auditorium at 307 Church Street due to City
Council budget hearings.

The minutes were approved as submitted at the August 1, 2012 meeting.

NOTE: Due to the location, audio copies are not available for this meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Christie, Commissioners Babcock, Comstock, Johnson, Polanco (6:55). Tobisch (6:58), Watkins, CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

Absent with notification: SC Police Liaison Mark Sanders

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

Presentation: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone provided a quick overview of CPVAW's "Engaging the Bystander" program

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.

Laura Young-Hinck asked CPVAW to look into the Secure Communities program due to the concerns regarding victims of domestic violence and human trafficking as well as the impact on children. She will send information links that provide background on this issue.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Coordinator Agnone reported that the County Women's SOWAG Town Hall meeting was well attended and very interesting.

Other Commission Member Announcements: None

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

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that Shoreline Cosmetology School requested speakers which included Leonie Sherman, CPVAW Self-defense instructor, Kristie Clemens, Walnut Avenue Women's Center Domestic Violence Program Director, and her. She also informed Commissioners that an audio copy of this meeting will not be available. She will be out of the office the week of June 18-22.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 2, 2012

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of May 2, 2012 as submitted. ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner

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Polanco, to approve the May 2, 2012 minutes with correction to item 3. The motion passed unanimously.

General Business

By consensus, Commissioners heard agenda items out of order in recognition of presenters' schedules.

1. Court Watch Program (heard as item 2)

Recommendation – Hear update on status from Court Watch Santa Cruz representatives and, by motion, take other action as necessary.

Michael Becker and Deborah Elston provided a presentation on the local Santa Cruz Court Watch program. This program provides training to volunteers who follow cases of interest through the judicial process.

Speaking in favor:

Gillian Greensite

ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to support the Santa Cruz Court Watch program in seeking justice in cases involving vulnerable populations particularly sexual assault and domestic violence and, as available, provide interns to participate in the program. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Homeless Women Support Group (heard as item 1)

Recommendation – Hear information from ad hoc committee members regarding the Homeless Women's Support Group and, by motion, take action as necessary

Kristie Clemens from Walnut Avenue Women's Center and Monica Martinez of the Homeless Resource Center provided information on plans for a homeless women's support group. A curriculum has been identified and other details of location, dates, times, and outreach will be finalized as this item is discussed.

ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve funding of \$600 for the women's support group at the homeless shelter which will use the "Seeking Safety" curriculum. The motion passed unanimously. An update will be given in six months to evaluate the status of the program.

3. Draft version of Joint Report on Sexual Assault (heard as item 6)

Recommendation – Review draft version of Joint Report on Sexual Assault from ad hoc committee and, by motion, request edits in order to work with SC Police Department to develop final version for City Council.

Draft versions of the report were distributed and this item will be placed on the July retreat agenda for discussion. No formal action will be taken until the August meeting.

4. Walk for Shannon Collins (heard as item 3)

Recommendation – Hear information about the Walk for Shannon Collins and discuss scheduling "Engaging the Bystander" workshop as well July self-defense classes and/or demonstrations and, by motion, take action as necessary.

There was discussion concerning self-defense classes that are currently scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department for July 2012.

ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to ask the Mayor and City Council to support four free self defense classes in the next two months in addition to the currently scheduled classes not to exceed \$600 with funding from Council, Downtown Association, and/or if necessary, CPVAW.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. July meeting – retreat (heard as item 4)

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Recommendation – Discuss plans for meeting in July on the 11th and that meeting to be a retreat in place of a regular monthly meeting and, by motion, take action as needed.

Commissioners discussed dates and times as well as items for the retreat. There will be a focus on the draft version of the Joint Report on Sexual Assault with the goal to have a final version ready for approval at the August 2012 meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to schedule the Commission's retreat on July 11 and exclusively work on the Joint Report and if time allows focusing on goals and objectives. The motion passed unanimously. The times considered are 2-6 or 3-7; the courtyard conference room will be considered for the location.

6. Artist for Poster and other CPVAW materials (heard as item 5)

Recommendation: Hear information from Art Project ad hoc committee regarding their recommendation for artists and by motion, request CPVAW Coordinator and interested Commissioners to work with artist to develop final image(s) for various CPVAW projects.

Commissioners heard from the ad hoc committee members who recommended Anna Oneglia as the artist to develop artwork for CPVAW. Examples of her artwork were viewed.

ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve moving forward with Anna Oneglia and providing the \$200 award to develop the poster and other projects. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

No new information. CPVAW Coordinator will continue to contact SC City Schools staff regarding possibilities to provide this program in the next school year.

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
- Homeless Women's Support Group: Comstock, Polanco

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. Information from the May 21, meeting will be shared. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2012 at 5:30 pm in the courtyard conference room. Future meeting tentatively scheduled for Nov. 19 at 5:30 pm.

County Domestic Violence Commission.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2012 and CPVAW Coordinator will attend to represent CPVAW as a voting member. Per Laura Segura, Chair of County DV Commission, the Court Watch Program and “Most Wanted” media campaign will be on the agenda for consideration.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

SC Trauma Consortium – August - Agnone

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Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 9:29 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, June 6, 2012 to a Retreat meeting scheduled for July 11, 2012 at a time and location to be finalized.

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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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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