



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

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

Minutes approved as submitted at Feb. 1, 2012 meeting..

Call to Order Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Watkins, Babcock, Christie, Comstock, Johnson, Tobisch
Staff: Coordinator Agnone
Absent with notification: Commissioner Polanco, Lt. Sanders

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

Presentation: Documentary on Domestic Violence – Due to technical problems, this will be rescheduled.

Statements of Disqualification: None

Oral Communications – None

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Chair Watkins announced a fundraiser for Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres on January 31. Proceeds from dinner/drinks at Shadowbrook Restaurant will go to the agency.

Chair Watkins announced that a "save the date" of Feb. 2 flyer was received for a training and discussion on school engagement and teen dating violence. More information will be provided during agenda item 4.

Chair Watkins read a thank you letter from Kidpower for the support of their video.

Other Commission Member Announcements: **None**

Teen Representative: open seat

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that the Dec. 14 training for SC Police Officers was well received and an evaluation form is being developed to provide specific feedback. The office is continuing to be sorted and organized after the move.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 7, 2011

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of December 7, 2011 as submitted. **ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2011 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Babcock abstained due to absence at the meeting; Commissioner Polanco absent at tonight's meeting.)**

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General Business

1. Election of Officers/Committee membership appointments

Recommendation – Review process for elections and take action as necessary, to elect officers and confirm assignments to ad hoc and stand committees as well as County Domestic Violence Commission. **Chair Watkins opened the floor to nominations for Chair for 2012. Pat Christie was nominated.**

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Chair Watkins, to close nominations for chair. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent at tonight's meeting.)

A voice vote was called and Commissioner Christie was elected unanimously to be CPVAW Chair for 2012.

Newly elected Chair Christie presided over the call for nominations for Vice Chair.

Kathryn Tobisch was nominated.

ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to close nominations for Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent at tonight's meeting.)

A voice vote was called and Commissioner Tobisch was elected unanimously to be CPVAW Vice Chair for 2012.

2. "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.

NO ACTION TAKEN. A planning meeting will be scheduled for interested parties in the near future and more information will be provided in February.

3. Walk a Mile In her Shoes event for April

Recommendation – Hear information regarding support of Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres event in April and, by motion, take action as necessary.

Kalyne Weissblatt and Dieter Rainmaker provided background information and answered questions.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to support this program by reserving the areas, participating in the event, and sending notices out to CPVAW distribution lists for the 2012 event scheduled for April 21. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent at tonight's meeting.)

4. Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Plans

Recommendation – Hear information regarding Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February and, by motion, take action as necessary.

There will be a meeting on February 2, 2012 from 9 am – 2 pm at the Community Foundation to bring together partners for discussions on "Our Youth, Our Community" to talk about youth related issues.

Jennifer O'Brien-Rojo provided background information and answered questions on a program developed by Futures Without Violence.

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to form an ad hoc committee to include discussion on the Coaching Boys to Men Program developed by Futures Without Violence which addresses teen dating issues.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Polanco absent at tonight's meeting.)

Ad hoc commissioners: Commissioner Johnson, Watkins, Babcock

5. CPVAW Retreat – July 2012

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Recommendation – Review possible dates for July 2012 for CPVAW retreat, and, by motion, take action as necessary.

NO ACTION TAKEN. By consensus, Commissioners are interested in a July 11 retreat planned for the evening or late afternoon (4 or 5 pm).

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

Interest was voiced in hearing about a SC Connect Event for this year which provides information regarding homeless services.

Commissioners spoke of the desire for a Teen Representative for the Commission.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Current:

- 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:

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

Standing Committee

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

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2012 (which is a holiday) and must be rescheduled. Tentative date: Monday, Jan. 23. To be confirmed.

Tentative schedule for future meetings: 3rd Mon of every 3 months

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.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Feb: Victims Assistance/Services at County DA office and event plans – Comstock

Feb: National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence (NCHDV) in March – Agnone

Feb: Miss Representation Video update

Feb.: Take Back Our Streets event

Feb.: Support Group for Homeless Women ad hoc committee

Note: Commissioners Watkins and Babcock will be absent for the February 1 meeting.

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:15 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, January 4, 2012 to the next regular monthly meeting scheduled for February 1, 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

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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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