



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

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

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at the Sept. 5, 2012 meeting..

NOTE: Due to equipment failure, audio copies are not available for this meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Christie called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm.

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

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

Presentation: None

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. None

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair: Chair Christie announced that there will be Free Intro Self-defense classes on August 2 at the Greek Church. She also directed attention to the Fall 2012 schedule for Public self-defense classes.

Other Commission Member Announcements: None

Teen Representative: CPVAW Coordinator announced that Justine Dice, new teen representative from Soquel High, will be attending the September 5th CPVAW meeting.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone provided a verbal report that included information on the generosity of the Prophet Elias Greek Church in approving use of their facility for the Free intro self-defense class; that the enrollment for these two classes are almost at capacity of 30 students; and that she will be out of the office for a few days in August.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of June 6, 2012 and Notes from July 11, 2012 Retreat

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of June 6, 2012 (attachment) and accept notes from July 11, 2012 Retreat (distributed at Aug meeting) as submitted. ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2012 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Comstock and Johnson absent).

ACTION: Commissioner Polanco made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to accept the notes of the July 11, 2012 retreat as submitted at the meeting. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Comstock and Johnson absent).

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General Business

1. Draft version of Joint Report on Sexual Assault

Recommendation – Review draft version of Joint Report on Sexual Assault with edits from retreat and, by motion, approve final version to be completed with SC Police Department staff to present to City Council in September.

Speaking from the floor with concerns and comments:

Gillian Greensite: provided a two-page document to Commissioners listing her recommendations for the final draft and spoke to each item in the time provided.

Commissioners reviewed the Joint Report page by page and provided direction regarding changes that should be made. They directed Commissioner Watkins and Coordinator Agnone in conjunction with Chair Christie to finalize the report for presentation to the City Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the final version of the Joint Report with changes discussed. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Comstock and Johnson absent)

2. Annual Public Hearing – Stakeholders Meeting ad hoc

Recommendation – Approve, by motion, the formation of an ad hoc committee to develop plans for the Annual Public Hearing and Stakeholders Meeting with the goal to schedule by January 2013.

Speaking from the floor with concerns and comments:

Gillian Greensite

Commissioners reviewed the agenda report concerning the idea of the annual public hearing to incorporate a stakeholders meeting. There was interest in the idea.

ACTION: Commissioner Babcock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to develop the public hearing and stakeholders meeting for January 2013. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Comstock and Johnson absent)

Commissioners Babcock, Christie, and Watkins volunteered to work on this ad hoc committee.

8:00 pm: Commissioner Watkins had to leave the meeting for a prior engagement. There is still a quorum.

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. Coordinator Agnone said she will contact Eileen Brown at the District Office when Eileen is back after the summer break.

Court Watch Program

Hear update on status of County Domestic Violence Commission’s action. Coordinator Agnone said this item should be on the September agenda for the County DV Commission.

Most Wanted Media Campaign

Hear update on status of County DV Commission’s action. Coordinator Agnone said this item should be on the September agenda for County DV Commission.

Homeless Women Support Group

Hear update on status of support group meetings. Commissioner Polanco reported that the support groups have been meeting as of July 10. There are two meetings a month and the “Seeking Safety” curriculum is being used.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- CPVAW Art Project: Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins: Commissioner Tobisch reported that the ad hoc committee met with Anna Oneglia, the artist selected, and there was a productive meeting. One of Anna's images was selected to be modified for CPVAW with the intention of including the words "Imagine a Violence Free World" from the original poster. The hope is to unveil the new poster and image in October.
- Teen Dating Violence: Babcock, Johnson, Watkins No additional meetings until contact is made with the SC City School's District office.
- Homeless Women's Support Group: Comstock, Polanco: This ad hoc committee provided a recommendation at the June 6, 2012 CPVAW meeting that was approved and will now sunset.

To be reviewed at future date:

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

Commissioner Polanco announced that this will be her last meeting and she will be moving from the area.

Standing Committee

Police Committee: Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch appointed to committee. 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 September 12, 2012 and CPVAW Coordinator will attend to represent CPVAW as a voting member.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

SC Trauma Consortium – September – Agnone

Status of Cases – September – Christie

Revisions to Trust Act AB 1081 – "Secure Communities" - after City Council has reviewed information

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:15 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, August 1, 2012 to the meeting to the next regular meeting scheduled for September 5, 2012 at 6:45 pm in the City Council Chambers, 809 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA

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Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

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Staff: Kathy Agnone, Coordinator

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