

# Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women (CPVAW)

# **ACTION AGENDA**

Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 5, 2012 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

The following is an unofficial representation of the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women's actions. Minutes are official upon approval.

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

Roll Call: Present: Chair Christie, Commissioners Babcock, Comstock, Johnson, Tobisch (7:15), Watkins, Young; Teen Rep. J Dice; Police Liaison Lt. Sanders; Coordinator Agnone

Welcome to New Member Laura Young-Hinck Appreciation Certificate presented to Police Liaison Sanders who is retiring.

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.

Rebeca Villafaña of Beauti Control presented a donation to CPVAW members in recognition of the work the Commission does and the impact on her life, particularly by Commissioner Tobisch.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

- Jan. 15, 2013: Advisory body interviews 7pm Council Chambers
- Jan. 22, 2013: Advisory body appointments made by Councilmembers
- A postcard from former Commissioner Polanco was read.
- Invitation shared to Gemma's Graduation scheduled in County Board of Supervisors' Chambers for Dec. 10 from 11:30-1:30 pm.
- Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres's Fall newsletter was shared.

Other Commission Member Announcements: None

Teen Representative: Justine Dice, Teen representative from Soquel High Teen Rep Dice shared that she enjoyed attending the Gemma fundraiser in October. She also shared that she submitted an essay written about CPVAW's work and her involvement to the Soroptimists of Capitola Violet Richardson writing contest.

Staff Announcements: CPVAW Coordinator shared an email from Kidpower thanking CPVAW for their support of the "One Million Safer Kids" video; an email forwarded by Mayor Lane from Ms. Seydel expressing interest in CPVAW's consideration of homeless women; office move will be started next week with a new "footprint" near current office location. She will also be working with Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres on the "Take Back Our Streets" event on the full moon on January 26, 2013. There will be a focus on the violence of human trafficking.

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# Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 3, 2012 meeting (November meeting cancelled)

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of October 3, 2012 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Comstock made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Babcock, to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2012 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Watkins abstained due to absence at Oct. meeting and Commissioner Young-Hinck abstained since she was not appointed until after Oct. meeting).

#### **General Business**

#### 1. CPVAW and SCPD Joint Report on Sexual Assault

Recommendation –Discussion of the final version of the Joint Report on Sexual Assault which was presented to City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the 7 pm session, and review of Council Action, and, by motion, take action as necessary. **NO ACTION TAKEN.** 

#### 2. CPVAW New Artwork

Recommendation – Viewing of poster designs by Lynn Piquett with art image by Anna Oneglia for CPVAW, and discuss ideas for posters and other materials for art image, and, by motion, take action as necessary. ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to select image #3 created by Lynn Piquett for posters, bookmarks, coasters, banners, and other projects (tote bags? Sweatshirts?). The motion passed unanimously.

CPVAW Coordinator will work with Lynn to finalize image to submit to printers and will bring cost estimates to the next scheduled CPVAW meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Comstock, to select the image of the lotus flower as the logo for CPVAW. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. January 2013 meeting to be rescheduled or cancelled

Recommendation – Review calendars in order to reschedule or cancel January 2013 meeting due to city closure schedule, and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to cancel the January 2013 meeting with the next regular monthly meeting to be on February 5, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

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

<u>Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities</u> The activities, programs, and events for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month were completed.

Status of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month – "Coaching Boys to Men" Program Plans
The meeting scheduled in October with the Athletic Directors was held and Walnut Avenue
Women's Center joined me to present the "Coaching Boys to Men" program. They will review the
materials and report back at one of the future their meetings. The athletic directors will be meeting
in December to discuss their review; Walnut Avenue Womens Center has stepped up to be the
lead contact for this program.

<u>City Council Policy 27.1: Commission's Review of Police Services</u> CPVAW Coordinator requested that the Council's Public Safety members review Policy 27.1 which was adopted prior to 1998 in order to approve a revision to reflect the common practice of referral to the City's Independent Police Auditor. This will provide clarity to community members that would ultimately provide a more

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timely response to a complaint. This revision was approved and will be brought before the full Council.

Most Wanted Media Campaign This issue was on the November 14th agenda for the County Domestic Violence Commission. CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that this item will be reviewed by the Law Enforcement Chief's meeting. It was suggested that victims be contacted/informed prior to postings and this will be considered at the Chiefs meeting. Court Watch Program: This issue was on the November 14th agenda for the County Domestic Violence Commission. CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that Michael Becker provided an overview of the Court Watch program to the DV members. There was concerns and criticisms raised. A motion to develop a letter of support did not pass. A request for more information and data specifically to the local program was expressed.

Homeless Women Support Group

The ad hoc committee has sunset. The support group has been meeting since July. There will be a report to CPVAW in February regarding the status of the on-going groups.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES: ad hoc committees will be reviewed at the Feb meeting

- CPVAW Art Project: Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins sunset Dec 2012
- Teen Dating Violence: Babcock, Johnson, Watkins waiting to hear from athletic directors; may sunset.
- Sexual Assault Data Review: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins: A meeting
  was held to review the 2011 and 2012 data. Due to illness by CPVAW Coordinator, a
  draft letter/editorial was not developed for approval by the full Commission at the
  December meeting.

#### To be scheduled:

- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: Commissioners Babcock, Christie
- Annual Public Hearing/Stakeholders Mtg: Commissioner Babcock, Christie, Watkins

#### **Standing Committee**

Police Committee: Commissioners Christie, Babcock, Tobisch appointed to committee. The meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room was cancelled due to illness.

# County Domestic Violence Commission.

CPVAW Coordinator attended the November 14, 2012 meeting to represent CPVAW as a voting member. The next meeting is February 13, 2013.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

**Status of Secure Communities Legislation and current situation** 

Election of CPVAW Chair/Vice Chair and selection of members for CPVAW Police Committee

Note: This is the last meeting for Commissioner Comstock who was elected to the SC City Council. She will be sworn in next week.

This was the last meeting also for Commissioner Babcock who will not be seeking reappointment. Their contributions to CPVAW were appreciated.

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:15 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, December 5, 2012 to the meeting to the next regular

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meeting scheduled for FEBRUARY 6, 2013 at 6:45 pm in the City Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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