



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2013 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved at the May 1, 2013 meeting with correction to call to order time.

Call to Order: **Vice Chair Tobisch called the meeting to order at 6:54 pm.**

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Tobisch, Dominques, Johnson, Ruiz, Young; Teen Rep. Dice, CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

Absent with notification: Commissioners Christie, Watkins, PD Liaison B. Escalante

Welcome to New Members Carlie Domingues and Reyna Ruiz

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.

Jacqueline Seydal provided information about Project Regeneration to Commissioners. This program through the Resource Center for Nonviolence provides creative engagement in social change through various focus areas. She will provide information on future events with the hope to partner with CPVAW.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

Agave Agape: Fundraiser for Walnut Avenue Women's Center – March 2, 2013 6-9 pm

SC Warriors supporting Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres – March 9, 2013

Santa Cruz Trauma Consortium – March 14, 2013 2-4 pm

SC Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy begins April 16, 2013

SC Police Department's Ride-along program

Article from the Sentinel regarding Justine's award from the Soroptimists.

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Dominques announced that there will be various readings by American Indian writers in the coming months with the next one scheduled for Feb. 20 at UCSC.

Teen Representative: **Justine Dice, Teen representative from Soquel High, was given a warm congratulations for receiving the 2012 Violet Richardson Award by the Soroptimist International of Capitola. She will be honored at their celebration in March 2013. She is pleased and honored to be the recipient. She also announced that she attended the Take Back Our Streets event on Jan. 26 with 5 friends and the event was interesting, informative, and entertaining (ballet dancers).**

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Staff Announcements: **CPVAW Coordinator provided a verbal report on the on-going office move.**

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 5, 2012 meeting (January 2013 meeting cancelled)

NOTE: Due to the absence of Commissioners Christie and Watkins, there is not a quorum of members present at the December meeting to approve the minutes. The minutes will be brought back for approval at a future meeting. NO ACTION TAKEN.

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 committees, standing committee, and the County Domestic Violence Commission.

Nominations for Chair: Kathryn Tobisch

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to close the nominations. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).

Vote: Kathryn Tobisch was elected unanimously to office of Chair for 2013. (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent)

Nominations for Vice Chair: Patricia Christie

ACTION: Commissioner Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to close the nominations. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).

Vote: Patricia Christie was elected unanimously to office of Vice Chair for 2013. (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent)

CPVAW Coordinator Agnone requested that Commissioners consider appointments to ad hocs, standing committee, and Domestic Violence Commission until March meeting. This was agreed to by consensus by Commissioners.

2. **Purchase of Anna Oneglia's Painting**

Recommendation – Discuss the purchase of the original painting created by Anna Oneglia that was the basis of the new image/art work for CPVAW and request that it be displayed in City Council Chambers, and, by motion, take action as necessary.

Speaking from the floor in favor:

Bradley Adam

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to purchase Anna's painting and send a request to the Mayor and/or City Manager to hang the painting in Council chambers. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).

3. **Art Design ad hoc committee**

Recommendation – Discuss forming an art design ad hoc committee to work on poster, bookmarks, coasters, and other items using the new image and, by motion, take action as necessary.

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ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Domingues, to form an ad hoc committee to work on poster and other ideas. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent). Commissioners Ruiz and Domingues are interested in serving on this ad hoc.

4. Report on Homeless Women's Support Group
Recommendation – Hear information regarding the status of the Homeless Women's Support Group and, by motion, take action as necessary.
A report by Kristie Clemens and Monica Martinez will be heard at a future date.
NO ACTION TAKEN.
5. Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Plans
Recommendation – Hear information regarding Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February and, by motion, take action as necessary.
ACTION: Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to contact the schools for participation in the "Third Annual National School Announcement" program on Feb. 14. This program is from www.teendvmonth.org . The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).
6. Secure Communities Act ad hoc committee
Recommendation – Discuss forming an ad hoc to research the current status of this issue and, by motion, take action as necessary.
Speaking from the floor in favor:
Jacqueline Seydal
ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to form an ad hoc committee to research the current status of the Secure Communities Act. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).
7. One Billion Rising Event Partnership – Feb. 14, 2013
Recommendation – Hear information on a local event scheduled on Thursday, Feb. 14 as part of worldwide events which focus on violence against women, and, by motion, take action as necessary.
Speaking from the floor in favor:
Jacqueline Seydal
ACTION: Commissioner Young made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to support and participate in the *One Billion Rising* event scheduled for Feb. 14, 2013. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).
8. Calciano Youth Symposium
Recommendation – Review information regarding this year's symposium to determine interest in funding for a CPVAW member to attend and, by motion, take action as necessary.
ACTION: Commissioner Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to fund up to three registrations at the early registration fee of \$60 for the Calciano Youth Symposium for CPVAW members. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).
9. Scholarship for Young Women's Empowerment Weekend
Recommendation – Review information regarding the Young Women's Empowerment Weekend (YWEW) and, by motion, approve funding \$150 for a scholarship

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ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to fund one scholarship of \$150.00 for the YWEW scheduled for May 2013. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).

10. March meeting – Retreat

Recommendation – Discuss scheduling a retreat for March and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young, to schedule a retreat for March 6 or 13 at a time and location yet to be determined. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).

11. April – Sexual Assault Awareness Month Plans

Recommendation – Review last year’s activities for April to determine plans for 2013 and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Domingues, to request CPVAW staff explore plans for SAAM 2013 with a budget not to exceed \$300 with the goal to have information/discussion at the retreat in March. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Christie and Watkins absent).

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

City Council Policy 27.1: Commission’s Review of Police Services 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 timely response to a complaint. This revision was approved and will be brought before the full Council.

Most Wanted Media Campaign This issue of the impact of listing suspects who have warrants for domestic violence incidents that are printed in the media was on the November 14th agenda for the County Domestic Violence Commission. CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that the County Sheriff’s representative will bring it before the local law enforcement meeting for discussion. There was consensus that the possibility of notifying victim/survivors prior to posting at the very least may be a reasonable approach.

Court Watch Program: This issue was on the November 14th agenda for the County Domestic Violence Commission. CPVAW Coordinator Agnone reported that a motion to ask for a letter of support failed to gather approval.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Sexual Assault Data Review: Commissioners Johnson, Tobisch, Watkins: A meeting was scheduled to review the 2011 and 2012 data. A follow up meeting was not able to be scheduled. This ad hoc will sunset. The issue will be referred to the CPVAW Police Committee for work to develop a draft letter to be reviewed for approval by the full Commission.**

To be scheduled:

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

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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 scheduled for February 13, 2013 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Community Foundation office in Aptos. .

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:48 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, February 6, 2013 to a retreat to be scheduled for a date/time/location to be determined.

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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