



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers 809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at May 1, 2013 meeting.

Call to Order : **The meeting was called to order by Chair Tobisch at 6:55 pm.**

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Tobisch, Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Watkins

City Staff: Assistant City Manager Shull, Lt. B. Escalante, Coordinator Agnone

Teen Representatives Dice and Trujillo

Absent with notification: Commissioner Young-Hinck

Absent without notification: Commissioner Dominques

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.

Ofelia Gomez spoke about Sgt. Butch Baker's impact on her life and her sadness on hearing of the murder of the officers. She also provided domestic violence booklets from the Dominican Republic.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair:

April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month flyer

SC Police Department's Teen Police Academy

SC Police Department's Ride-along program

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event flyer

Community Safety and Compassion meeting – April 10 at SC High

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Christie announced that there will be a Women's Conference at Twin Lakes Church on April 27 from 9 – 3. There will be speakers from Walnut Avenue Women's Center.

Commissioner Ruiz announced that the SC City Youth Council met for the first time.

An announcement was made regarding the "We Are Santa Cruz" tapings that will be at the Civic Auditorium.

Teen Representative: Justine Dice and Sierra Trujillo, Teen Representatives from Soquel High

Teen Representative Dice said her friends had attended the 1 Billion Rising event in February. She and Teen Rep Trujillo put together seed packets for the Victim Rights Awareness Walk. They will also host a focus group to review teen dating violence pamphlets to provide feedback.

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator. **Coordinator Agnone displayed the new banners with Anna Oneglia's artwork. The bookmarks and posters are also**

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finished. The coasters will take longer. She requested that CPVAW members sign up for distribution.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 5, 2012 meeting, February 6, and March 13, 2013 (January 2013 meeting cancelled)

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular monthly meetings of December 5, 2012:

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to approve the December 5, 2012 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Ruiz abstained since she was not appointed at that time; Commissioner Domingues absent but also not appointed at that time. Commissioner Young-Hinck absent.).

February 6, 2013 meeting must come back to a future meeting. There is not a quorum of members who attended that meeting.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to approve the March 13, 2013 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Domingues and Young-Hinck absent.).

General Business

1. CPVAW Events, Programs, Projects Review

Recommendation – Review ad hoc committee’s proposal regarding CPVAW events, programs, and projects which identify lead roles for CPVAW and/or partnering agencies, info list – partners’ expectation, and a timeline with consideration of reduced staff hours, and by motion, take action as necessary.

NO ACTION TAKEN. Review of the proposal was done. The ad hoc committee will meet and develop plans for October and a letter for partnering agencies regarding “lead role” possibilities. Assistant City Manager Shull expressed her appreciation for the Commissioners’ work.

2. CPVAW Meeting Schedule and Bylaws Revision

Recommendation - Review ad hoc committee’s proposal and approve, by motion, revision to PVAW meeting schedule and approve, by motion, a revision of bylaws that will be required.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the revision to CPVAW’s meeting schedule and bylaws as proposed. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Domingues and Young-Hinck absent.).

3. Resignation from County Domestic Violence Commission

Recommendation: Review draft letter to County Board of Supervisors regarding resigning CPVAW seat on County Domestic Violence Commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to request CPVAW Coordinator ask that an agenda item regarding the quorum issues be added to the April 10 meeting of the County Domestic Violence Commission and, at the meeting, advise the County Commission that she cannot attend future meetings, and that CPVAW members are considering attending depending on the quorum issue. Motion passed unanimously (Commissioners Domingues and Young-Hinck absent.).

4. Letter regarding Sexual Assault in the Military

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Recommendation – Review draft letters of appreciation for efforts to address sexual assault in the military and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve the draft letters of appreciation and direct her and Commissioner Johnson to finalize the letters for mailing. (Commissioners Domingues and Young-Hinck absent.).

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

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Goals: Commissioners Johnson, Watkins, Young-Hinck
- Bars in Safe Place Network Program:
- Annual Public Hearing/Stakeholders Mtg:

Standing Committee

- Police Committee: Commissioners Christie, Ruiz, Young-Hinck appointed to committee. The meeting schedule for 2013 has not been set as yet. Sexual Assault Data Review has been referred to CPVAW Police Committee.

County Domestic Violence Commission.

A letter of resignation of CPVAW's seat is on the CPVAW April agenda for action. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013 from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Community Foundation office in Aptos.

Note: after this agenda was completed, Coordinator Agnone learned that the next meeting will be April 10, 2013. See Agenda Item # 3 regarding action taken.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Status of Secure Communities Act – Commissioner Young-Hinck

Report on Homeless Women's Support Group

Review of Brochure: *Is it really love?* – Teen Reps

Op Ed Piece regarding letters of appreciation – Commissioners Johnson & Watkins

Coaching Boys to Men program – Commissioner Johnson

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:35 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 3, 2013 to next meeting scheduled for May 1, 2013 at 6:45 pm in the SC City Council Chambers, 809 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

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