



Commission for the Prevention of Violence
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2013 6:45 p.m.

Council Chambers, 809 Center Street Santa Cruz

Minutes approved as submitted at November 6, 2013 meeting.

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

Roll Call:

Voting Members: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Watkins, Young-Hinck

Other members: Teen Representatives Dice and Trujillo

Staff: Coordinator Agnone

Absent with notification: Police Liaison Escalante, Commissioner Domingues

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

Presentation: Restraining Orders Process presented by Commissioner Young-Hinck (No action may be taken)

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 to Commissioners regarding a recent assault at a local parking lot and presented a letter for their review.

Marvel Armijo requested Commissioners to take a proactive response to violence against women.

Kyra Chamberlain, a student at Soquel High, introduced herself to Commissioners.

Announcements – (No action may be taken)

Announcements by Chair:

Anna Oneglia will be using the CPVAW image on her open studio postcard

Gemma Graduation: Sept. 19 6-8 pm First Congregational Church 900 High Street

SC Neighbors & SCPD will coordinate the citywide block parties on Sept. 29.

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Johnson: Coaching Boys Into Men program info was presented including a You Tube video of the program in Sacramento.

Commissioner Ruiz: 1. Informed Commissioners of the “Breaking the Glass: Women in Politics” presentation on September 28; 2. The City’s Public Safety Task Force meeting on October 9 will seek public input and attendance is encouraged.

Commissioner Watkins: provided information regarding the Girls Circle which is coordinated through the County Office of Education.

Teen Representative: Justine Dice and Sierra Trujillo, Teen Representatives from Soquel High, are looking forward to continuing to work as liaisons with the Commission now that school has begun.

Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator: Coordinator Agnone informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Domingues has resigned and persons interested in being appointed should contact the Santa Cruz City Clerk’s department for an application.

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 1, 2013 Meeting Note: August 7, 2013 meeting cancelled due to illness; no meetings scheduled for June or July per new meeting schedule adopted in April 2013.

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular meeting of May 1, 2013 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve the May 1, 2013 minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously (One open seat due to Commissioner Domingues resignation).

General Business

1. Status of Secure Communities Act/Trust Act Legislation

Recommendation – Review current information regarding the status of the Secure Communities Act/ Trust Act that may be on the Governor’s desk for signature, and, as needed, schedule ad hoc committee meeting, and, by motion, take action as necessary.

Speaking in support from the floor:

Marvel Armijo

ACTION: Commissioner Young-Hinck made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to schedule a meeting of the Secured Communities ad hoc committee (approved in Feb. 2013 but has not met as yet) to consider a letter of support regarding this state law which may include some local case history.

Motion passed unanimously (One open seat due to Commissioner Domingues resignation).

2. Court Justice Internship

Recommendation – Review description of “Court Justice Internship” which is the result of interest in the local Court Watch program and, by motion, take action as needed.

Max Engel, CPVAW intern, provided information to the Commissioners regarding the plans for an intern project for CPVAW which he will be the lead coordinator.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Christie, to approve and support the Justice Watch intern project.

Motion passed unanimously (One open seat due to Commissioner Domingues resignation).

3. Seeking Safety Workshop Funding Request

Recommendation – Review information requesting funding support of Seeking Safety Training in October 2013 from the SC Trauma Consortium and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to approve funding of \$150 to support the Seeking Safety Training scheduled for October 2013.

Motion passed unanimously (One open seat due to Commissioner Domingues resignation).

4. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Recommendation – Review information on plans for October events which raise awareness of Domestic Violence and, by motion, take action as necessary.

ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to approve funding of \$300 - \$500 to support DV Month activities.

Motion passed unanimously (One open seat due to Commissioner Domingues resignation).

5. Report on Homeless Women’s Support Group

Recommendation – Review information regarding the status of the support group and, by motion, take action as necessary.

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Jennifer Rose, Co-Executive Director of Walnut Avenue Women's Center provided current information on the Homeless Women's Support Group which is on-going at the Homeless Resource Center. Advocates/Facilitators are flexible and creative due to the often transitory clients; the program continues to be reviewed to find the best way to work with this vulnerable population to provide information and tools from the Seeking Safety curriculum. No Action was taken.

6. Suggested Process for Timely Response to Invitations, Funding requests, and Other Issues
Recommendation – Review process suggested to respond timely to invitations, funding requests, and other issues given the new meeting schedule and, by motion, take action as needed.
ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Young-Hinck, to approve the process presented for CPVAW to respond timely to items to avoid delays that may result from the new meeting schedule. A “Funding Request” ad hoc committee will be formed to provide recommendations at the February meeting. Motion passed unanimously (One open seat due to Commissioner Domingues resignation).

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

CPVAW Meeting Schedule and Bylaws Revision

The bylaw revision changing meeting dates to six meetings a year was approved at CPVAW's April 3, meeting. The revisions were sent to the City Attorney and approved. The City Council approved the revisions at their May 28, 2013 meeting.

Resignation from County Domestic Violence Commission

Letter to County Board of Supervisors regarding resigning CPVAW's seat on County Domestic Violence Commission was sent with a response by Supervisor Coonerty.

OP-ED Piece regarding Letters of Appreciation and Sexual Assault in the Military

Opinion piece for the Sentinel that included excerpts from the letters of appreciation as well as information regarding sexual assault in the military was submitted and published on June 15, 2013.

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

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Goals: Commissioners Johnson, Watkins, Young-Hinck This ad hoc committee will schedule a meeting before November 6 to bring final recommendation regarding timeline, letter to partners, and other issues as identified to establish goals for 2013-2015.**
- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: November agenda item ??
- Annual Public Hearing/Stakeholders Meeting: November agenda item ??

Standing Committee

- **Police Committee: Commissioners Christie, Ruiz, Young-Hinck appointed to committee. Chair Christie informed the full Commission that the standing committee met on August 21. The Court Watch program was discussed as well as the on-going issue of the status of cases. No actions were taken at the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the Courtyard Conference Room.**

County Domestic Violence Commission. – **CPVAW is no longer a required attendee or voting member.**

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

CPVAW Meeting of September 4, 2013

Coaching Boys Into Men program – Commissioner Johnson
One Billion Rising – Feb. 2014 event – Coordinator Agnone
Fallen Officers – Memorial 2014 – Chair Tobisch
Ad hoc committees: Members & dates

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:55 pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, September 4, 2013 to the next meeting scheduled for November 6, 2013 at 6:45 pm in the SC City Council Chambers, 809 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Note: no meeting in October.

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