



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers

809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at May 6, 2009 meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Zook called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chair Zook, Commissioners Christie, King, Polanco, Tobisch, Watkins
Absent with notification: Commissioner Campbell
Staff: CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

Presentations – None

Statements of Disqualification– None

Oral Communications– None

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Event Flyer

Human Trafficking Train the Trainer Seminar – April 20, 2009, Monterey

Health Educator Position – Salud Para La Gente, Inc.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month information

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Staff Announcements:

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 18 and March 4, 2009 meetings

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of February 18, 2009 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the February 2009 minutes as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the special retreat meeting of March 4, 2009 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner King, to approve the March 2009 retreat minutes as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent; Commissioner Christie abstained due to absence at March meeting)

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General Business

1. Reports regarding Domestic Violence from SCPD

Recommendation --- Accept, by motion, monthly report on Domestic Violence statistics from SCPD.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to accept the domestic violence report from SCPD. Staff will ask if a liaison is still available for monthly commission meetings from SCPD. Chair Zook asked the CPVAW Police Committee, at their next meeting, to discuss the value of a quarterly report of DV statistics in place of the current monthly reports, especially if SCPD is unable to send a liaison each month to the CPVAW meetings.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

2. Strategic Goals: Retreat review and follow-up

Recommendation --- Review information from March 4, 2009 retreat and approve, by motion, recommendations for 2009-2010 goals and take other action from retreat as needed.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to accept the strategic objectives as listed with the addition of curriculum development at state and local levels regarding education, awareness, and prevention of physical abuse in the Schools Section and to accept commissioners' commitment to each goal.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

3. Safe Place Network at Grad Student Commons at UCSC

Recommendation --- Review current information on the Safe Place network regarding the Grad Student Commons to provide direction to CPVAW staff regarding implementation of program.

Note: ad hoc committee sunset as of March 2009.

ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to request CPVAW Coordinator to further investigate the issues with the Safe Place Network at the Grad Students Commons in order to move the item forward and report back to CPVAW.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent; Commissioner Christie abstained due to absence at March meeting)

4. CPVAW Budget 2009-2010

Recommendation --- Review budget recommendations to provide direction to staff and/or Council regarding CPVAW funding from July 2009 to June 2010.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to accept the recommended budget funding to various categories and to send a letter of thanks to SC City Council regarding past funding to be signed by Chair Zook. The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

5. Letter to District Attorney – sexual battery case

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, that a letter be sent to District Attorney's office regarding charges dropped for sexual battery case.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, to amend the draft letter in the following manner: 1. request a meeting 2. follow-up within 2 weeks 3. consider op-ed piece to encourage victims to continue reporting.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

6. Stakeholder Round Table Discussion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Service Providers

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Recommendation --- Discuss the possibility of convening a sexual assault and domestic violence service providers stakeholder round table meeting and approve, by motion, the formation of an ad hoc committee to bring the meeting together.

ACTION: Commissioner King made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to approve the format of an ad hoc committee to discuss the possibility of bringing sexual assault and domestic violence stakeholders together.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

Commissioner Tobisch is interested in hearing more about this and the time commitment.

7. CPVAW Bylaws Revisions

Recommendation – Approve, by motion, the formation of an ad hoc committee to review CPVAW bylaws dated June 27, 2006 and provide recommendations regarding revisions to the full Commission by June 2009.

ACTION: Commissioner King made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the formation of an ad hoc committee to review CPVAW bylaws dated June 27, 2006 and provide recommendations regarding revisions to the full Commission by June 2009.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent)

Commissioners King, Martine, and Tobisch are interested in serving on this ad hoc committee.

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

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

Ad hoc Committees

Safe Place Network pilot program with Catalyst – met March 16

Marketing and Communication – met March 20

Preventing Violence Against Homeless Women – met March 20

Brochures in Medical Facilities – met March 30

Safe Place Network at Grad Students Commons – sunset March 2009

Standing Committee

Police Committee: met March 16; the next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2009 at 4:30 pm @ CPVAW office

County Domestic Violence Commission.

March meeting cancelled.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Teen Representative – Campbell

Adjournment The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 7:55 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, April 1, 2009 to the next meeting to be scheduled on May 6, 2009 at Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.

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