



Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2009

6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers
809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted at June 3, 2009 meeting.

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

Roll Call: Present: Chair Zook, Commissioners Campbell, Christie, Tobisch
Absent with notification: Commissioners King, Polanco, Watkins
Staff: Police Liaison Lt. R. Escalante

Presentations – None

Statements of Disqualification: None

Oral Communications

Chip, Executive Director for the Downtown Association, distributed newly created Business Members' Handbooks. He pointed out the listing of the Safe Place Network to CPVAW members.

Gillian Greensite, Director of UCSC Rape Prevention Education, shared her concerns that alert notices were not posted for the recent attempted rape in downtown.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair

Other Commission Member Announcements:

Commissioner Christie shared the newly created brochure and display model which will be used for medical facilities and thanked Rhiannon Grimm, CPVAW intern, for her excellent work.

Staff Announcements:

Coordinator Agnone introduced and also thanked Rhiannon Grimm, intern extraordinaire, for her excellent work on the brochure as well as provided information regarding various projects. She directed Commissioners' attention to an example of the kiosk postings that are being done by Anastasia Torres-Gil, a CPVAW volunteer and board member of Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres.

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of April 1, 2009 meetings

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of April 1, 2009 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Chair Zook, to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2009 meeting as submitted.

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The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell abstained due to absence at April meeting; Commissioners King, Polanco, and Watkins absent.)

General Business

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

ACTION: Commissioner Campbell moved, seconded by Chair Zook, to accept the domestic violence report from SCPD as submitted.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners King, Polanco, and Watkins absent.)

2. Stakeholder Round Table Discussion for Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Service Providers
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 Campbell moved, seconded by Chair Zook, to approve the convening of a sexual assault and domestic violence service providers stakeholder round table meeting and the formation of an ad hoc committee to bring the meeting together.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners King, Polanco, and Watkins absent.)

New Ad hoc: -- members: Commissioners Campbell and Tobisch.

3. Violence Against Homeless Women Roundtable Meeting
Recommendation --- Review invitation and invitees to roundtable discussion concerning issues regarding violence against homeless women and take action as needed.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the roundtable discussion regarding violence against homeless women for May 27.

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioners King, Polanco, and Watkins absent.)

Current Ad hoc-- members: Commissioners Zook and King.

4. Proposition 8 Day of Decision
Recommendation --- Approve, by motion participation and support of Proposition 8 Day of Decision.

ACTION: Commissioner Campbell moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve participation and support of Proposition 8 Day of Decision as listed on invitation.

The motion passed 3/1.

Ayes: Commissioners Campbell, Tobisch, Chair Zook

Nays: Commissioner Christie

(Commissioners King, Polanco, and Watkins absent.)

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

Letter to City Council concerning budget

A copy of the information report to Council regarding CPVAW budget and appreciation of their support is included in this May meeting packet.

Letter to District Attorney – sexual battery case

Staff contacted Bob Lee, District Attorney's office regarding charges dropped for sexual battery case. Chair Zook, Vice Chair Campbell, and Commissioner Christie will schedule time to review reports prior to scheduling time to meet with him.

Safe Place Network at Grad Student Commons at UCSC

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A copy of an e-mail sent to Diane Brookes, GSC facility manager, from Gillian Greensite is attached.

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

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Safe Place Network pilot program with Catalyst – met March 16

Preventing Violence Against Homeless Women – met March 20

Brochures in Medical Facilities – met March 30 and April 13.

Bylaws – no meeting scheduled as yet

SUNSET:

Marketing and Communication – met March 20. Committee sunset.

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.

CPVAW Coordinator attended a retreat on April 15. The next meeting will be May 13.at SCPD Community Room.

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Teen Representative – Campbell

Adjournment [The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 7:54 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, May 6, 2009 to the next meeting to be scheduled on June 3, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.](#)

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