



Commission for the Prevention of Violence  
Against Women (CPVAW)

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, November 5, 2014 6:45 p.m.**

Council Chambers, 809 Center Street Santa Cruz

**Due to a lack of quorum of attending members at the Nov. 2014, the minutes were accepted as submitted.**

Call to Order: [Chair Tobisch called the meeting to order at 6:48pm.](#)

Roll Call: Voting Members: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Watkins, Young-Hinck; one open seat due to Commissioner Seydel's resignation

Absent with Notification: [Commissioner Martine Watkins](#)

Other members: Teen Representatives Chamberlain and Diaz

Staff: Coordinator Christopher; Former Coordinator Agnone, SC Police Liaison Escalante

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

Presentation: [Appreciation to Kathy Agnone \(gifts and words from members of the public\).](#)

Statements of Disqualification:

Oral Communications – A time for members of the public to speak to Commissioners about items not on the agenda. (3 minutes per speaker - No action may be taken.)

[Anna Brooks: thank you to commission for all the good work they are doing.](#)

[Esther Greenburg: Introduced herself to Commissioners and expressed her hopes to be appointed to the Commission.](#)

Announcements – (No action may be taken)

- Announcements by Chair:
  - November 7: ACE Conference at Cabrillo College – SC Trauma Consortium
  - Thank you letter from Monarch Services
  - November 6: UCSC/UC Hastings Reception & Lecture:  
Sworn to Protect: Sexual Assault in the Military
- Other Commission Member Announcements:  
[Commissioner Christie expressed appreciation for the sentinel posting DV stats during the month of October.](#)
- Teen Representatives: Kyra Chamberlain and Carla Diaz from Soquel High  
[Kyrah Chamberlain – feminist club: plans for title 9 awareness event. Would like ideas.](#)
- Staff Announcements: Verbal report by CPVAW Coordinator  
[Rachel Christopher: New CPVAW coordinator introduced herself to Commissioners. Background - Public Policy, Women's Studies, Human Trafficking in Thailand.](#)

Approval of Minutes/Notes  
Minutes of September 3, 2014

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Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular meeting of September 3, 2014 as submitted.

MOTION: Commissioner Christie moved and Young-Hinck seconded to approve, by motion, the minutes from the regular meeting of September 3, 2014 as submitted.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

### General Business

#### 1. Sexual Assault Data Report

Recommendations: Accept by motion, Sexual Assault statistics and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Young-Hinck seconded to approve, by motion, the Sexual Assault statistics and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

#### 2. Domestic Violence Data Report

Recommendations: Accept, by motion, the report on Domestic Violence statistics from SCPD and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

MOTION: Commissioner Christie moved and Commissioner Ruiz seconded to approve, that a letter be composed to the Sentinel's praise worthy section in appreciation of posting Domestic Violence statistics.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

#### 3. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Review

Recommendations: Review Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities and by motion provide direction to staff as appropriate.

MOTION: Commissioner Christie moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to approve, by motion the report on Domestic Violence statistics from SCPD and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

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### 4. CPVAW Funding

Recommendations: Review CPVAW's 2015 budget to determine current year CPVAW funding needs and feasibility of asking for requests for proposals. And, by motion, take action as necessary.

MOTION: Commissioner Young-Hinck moved and Commissioner Ruiz seconded to approve, by motion the following for the CPVAW's 2015 budget:

- o Up to \$200 on pens.
- o Up to \$168 on 5,000 bookmarks
- o Up to \$1,395 on 10,000 coasters
- o Up to \$399 on 4,000 homeless women's resource card
- o CPVAW staff directed to research the costs of tote bags.
- o Maximum grant allocation of \$750 per, not to exceed \$4000 in total.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

MOTION: Commissioner Young-Hinck moved and Commissioner Ruiz seconded to approve, by motion the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to review the coaster design. Ad Hoc will include Commissioners Young-Hinck and Ruiz.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Young-Hinck seconded to approve, by motion the formation of an Ad Hoc committee to review requests for proposals for funding. Ad hoc will include Commissioners Johnson, Ruiz, and possibly Watkins.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

### 5. Letter to NFL

Recommendations: Review draft letters and, by motion, approve content and distribution to addressee.

MOTION: Commissioner Young-Hinck moved, and Commissioner Johnson seconded, to approve by motion to direct staff to incorporate edits discussed and distribute to addressees and add the 49ers.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

Speaking from the floor in favor: Esther Greenburg.

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### 6. Teen Dating Violence Art Contest

Recommendations: Discuss possibilities of funding cash prizes for finalist whose posters are chosen for future promotion of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February and, by motion, take action as necessary.

MOTION: Commissioner Ruiz moved, and Commissioner Johnson seconded, to approve by motion to move forward with project with Monarch Services as lead. Judging Panel will include Monarch representative(s), CPVAW representative(s) and teen representative(s), and that we approve financial support of \$200 to be paid directly to awardees along with a certificate of achievement from the commission and Monarch services.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: Young-Hinck

Speaking from the floor in favor: Esther Greenburg.

### 7. One Billion Rising

Recommendations: Hear information regarding the 2015 *One Billion Rising* event sponsored by various local agencies to determine level of support not to exceed \$300, and participation and, by motion, take action as necessary.

MOTION: Commissioner Young-Hinck moved, and Commissioner Johnson seconded, to approve by motion to approve support of the One Billion Rising event with funding not to exceed \$300 w/ flexibility on content changes of event.

ACTION: The motion carried with the following vote.

AYES: Chair Tobisch, Commissioners Christie, Johnson, Ruiz, Young-Hinck

NOES: none.

ABSENT: Commissioner Watkins

DISQUALIFIED: none.

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

### CPVAW's Work Plan for 2014-2016 based on Retreat Notes and Ad hoc Committee

- Engaging the Bystander Program: Discuss possibility of partnering agency assuming lead role and/or schedule facilitator training sessions  
ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to reach out to partnering agencies to determine their interest in assuming the lead role and/or schedule facilitator training sessions as needed.  
Passed with Unanimous approval; (Commissioner Tobisch absent tonight until 7:55 pm; one open seat.)  
CURRENT STATUS: Due to time constraints, no contact has been made with partnering agencies as of yet.
- Safe Place Network Program: Discuss forming an ad hoc committee to review the program with stakeholders  
ACTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to form an ad hoc committee to review the Safe Place Network program with stakeholders reach out to

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partnering agencies to determine their interest in assuming the lead role and/or schedule facilitator training sessions as needed.

Passed with Unanimous approval; (one open seat.)

Interested Commissioners Johnson and Tobisch.

**CURRENT STATUS:** Due to time constraints, no contact has been made with partnering agencies as of yet.

- Justice Watch Program: Discuss to determine priorities and feasibility of program  
ACTION: Commissioner Tobisch made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to continue the Justice Watch program as outlined and provide feedback regarding impact to staff as needed.  
Passed with Unanimous approval; (one open seat.)  
**CURRENT STATUS:** Lead intern Ashley Higgins is assuming the role of lead coordinator.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month: Discuss to determine priorities and feasibility of activities  
ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, to accept the draft work plan outline for Sexual Assault Awareness month and provide update at CPVAW's February meeting as needed.  
Passed with Unanimous approval; (one open seat.)  
**CURRENT STATUS:** This item will return to the agenda at the February meeting. It is assumed that there will be planning meetings prior to February to work out details.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month: Discuss to determine priorities and feasibility of activities  
ACTION: Commissioner Watkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the draft work plan outline for Domestic Violence Awareness month with possible changes to Engaging the Bystander item that may occur in the future. Passed with Unanimous approval; (one open seat). By consensus, Commissioners accepted the final version of "CPVAW Procedure for Timely Responses to Requests" document and will have those on file. Staff will use this as the guiding process for requests that do not fall during months with CPVAW public meetings.  
**CURRENT STATUS:** Various Activities were planned and completed throughout the month.

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

### AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Bars in Safe Place Network Program: *no meeting scheduled/review in work plan*
- Annual Public Hearing/Stakeholders Meeting: *no meeting scheduled/review in work plan*

### Standing Committee

Police Committee: Next meeting: Nov. 19, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the Courtyard Conf. Room

Committee: Chair Young-Hinck, Commissioners Christie, Ruiz

### Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

- Sexual Assault Awareness Month –February
- Coaching Boys into Men – February
- Ad Hoc recommendations of Funding Proposals
- Ad Hoc review and Design of Tote Bags, posters, & Coasters
- Ad Hoc Review the Safe Place Network program.
- CPVAW 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning

Adjournment

## **CPVAW Meeting of November 5, 2014**

The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 8:55pm from the regular meeting of Wednesday, November 5, 2014 to next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 6:45 pm in the SC City Council Chambers, 809 Center St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

**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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