Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

6:45 p.m.

City Council Chambers

809 Center Street

Minutes approved as submitted on July 1, 2009.

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: Police Liaison Lt. R. Escalante, CPVAW Coordinator Agnone

Presentations: **None**

Statements of Disqualification: **None**

Oral Communications:

Councilmember Madrigal thanked the Commissioners for their work.

Gillian Greensite, Director of UCSC Rape Prevention Education, spoke to Commissioners regarding the quarterly CPVAW sexual assault reports and her concerns regarding the data.

Announcements - No action may be taken

Announcements by Chair: **Chair Zook thanked Rhiannon Grimm for her work as an intern for the last quarter.**

Other Commission Member Announcements: **Commissioner Christie stated that she will be writing a letter to media and/or Councilmembers regarding her concerns of budget cuts which will eliminate 10 officers from SCPD.**

Staff Announcements: **Coordinator Agnone gave a verbal report which included information on a grant that was submitted for the school self-defense program.**

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

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 6, 2009 meetings

Recommendation --- Approve, by motion, the minutes from the monthly meeting of May 6, 2009 as submitted.

ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2009 meeting as submitted.

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

CPVAW Meeting of June 3, 2009

General Business

1. Reports regarding Domestic Violence from SCPD
   Recommendation --- Accept, by motion, monthly report on Domestic Violence statistics from SCPD.
   ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Tobisch, to accept the monthly report as submitted.
   The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent.)

2. Budget 2009/2010
   Recommendation --- Review current information regarding 2009/2010 fiscal year and take action as needed.
   NO ACTION TAKEN.

3. Procedures for Posting Public Alerts of Sexual Assaults
   Recommendation --- That CPVAW make a motion to create an ad hoc committee that will review, with the assistance of SCPD, current procedures for posting community alerts, and update process as necessary.
   ACTION: Commissioner Christie moved, seconded by Commissioner Polanco, to create an ad hoc committee that will review the process of public alert postings of sexual assaults.

   SPEAKING FROM THE FLOOR IN FAVOR:
   Gillian Greensite

   The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Campbell absent.)
   Commissioners Christie, Tobisch, and Watkins volunteered to work on this ad hoc committee.

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

Letter to District Attorney – sexual battery case

Staff contacted Bob Lee, County District Attorney, regarding charges not filed in case. Chair Zook, Vice Chair Campbell, and Commissioner Christie will schedule time to meet with him now that they have reviewed the reports. **The victim in the case spoke to Commissioners.**

Safe Place Network at Grad Student Commons at UCSC

A copy of an e-mail sent by Sue Matthews, Assistant Vice Chancellor Student Affairs Business and Administration. **A letter replying to Sue Matthews from Chair Zook was distributed at the meeting.**

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

Ad hoc Committees

CURRENT:

Safe Place Network pilot program with Catalyst

Coordinator Agnone reported that final discussions were made with SCPD and final plans for implementation will be firmed up with Catalyst management and staff.

Preventing Violence Against Homeless Women – met May 27

Review information from May 27 roundtable meeting

Commissioners King and Chair Zook distributed information from the round table meeting. They were excited by the discussion and will bring forward items to the full commission as they are developed further.

Brochures in Medical Facilities

Coordinator Agnone reported that final versions of the English and Spanish versions of the brochures have been completed and final plans for implementation will be firmed up with Dominican Hospital staff.

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. **Commissioner Christie, Chair of the Police Committee, provided a report from the June 1, 2009 meeting.**

County Domestic Violence Commission.

CPVAW Coordinator attended a retreat on April 15. No meeting in May. **The next meeting will be June 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the SCPD Community Room. Coordinator Agnone and Commissioner King will be attending.**

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Teen Representative – Campbell

Adjournment **The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women adjourned at 7:52 p.m. from the regular meeting of Wednesday, June 3, 2009 to the next meeting to be scheduled on July 1, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz.**

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