

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Santa Cruz Police Department
155 Center Street**

**Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Wednesday, January 14, 2004, 5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

Mark Tracy, Chair
Melissa Berrengé
Larry Biggam
Linda Byrum
Gillian Greensite
Lynn Harrison
Alan Hiromura
Tom Kelly

Bob Lee
Dixie Mitchell-Clow
Charles Molnar
Celia Organista
Francesca Raphael
Mary Simoni
Heidi Simonson
Linda Starn

Commissioners Absent:

JoAnn Allen(Excused)
Kim Austin
Amy Christey (Excused)
Sonya Drottar (Excused)

Michelle Finch (Excused)
Ernesto Lopez Molina
Francine Nickell
Dee O'Brien (Excused)

Others Present:

JoAnne Myall
Jennifer Rose

Jenny Sarmiento
Julie Schneider

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Mark Tracy.

2. Introductions

Commissioners and guests introduced themselves. Chair Tracy introduced Linda Byrum who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the Survivor Representative on the Commission.

3. Additions and Deletions to Agenda

There were none.

4 Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2003 and November 12 Meetings

On the motion of Alan Hiromura and seconded by Lynn Harrison the minutes were approved as submitted

5 Oral Communication from the Community

None

6 Website Viewing

Alan Hiromura announced the new improved website was up and running. He asked Commission to view. You can access it by through the County of Santa Cruz website. He also stated that on January 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and on January 23 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. pictures will be taken of the domestic violence award winners in the County Administrative office. For more information contact Alan at 454-3402.

7. Discussion Regarding Assignment of Members to Appointed/at Large Appointments and Address Vacancies/Terms of Commissioners

Chair Tracy distributed a list of terms of office for the positions on the Commission. During the discussion a discrepancy in the dates was noted. Chair Tracy will contact the County Counsel's office to verify dates and report back at the next meeting.

There was a discussion on attendance. A list will be compiled noting attendance. Commissioners who have not attended three consecutive meeting will be contact ed. This matter will be discussed at the February meeting.

There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of the Commission meeting every other month. This issue will be placed on the February agenda.

8. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission

This matter will be placed on the February meeting when nominations will be accepted.

9. Proposed Calendar for commission Meeting

Chair Tracy distributed a calendar for the year. The meetings for January through April will be at the Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room. The discussion regarding locations in mid-county and Watsonville will be discussed at the February meeting.

10. Reports from Committees

a) Evaluation

Larry Biggam stated that the Evaluation Committee did not meet and therefore there was no report.

b) Annual Report

The Domestic Violence Annual Report Committee reported that due to the late receipt of questionnaire data from several agencies, the 12 month updated information provided to the sub committees will be sent out by 1/22/04. All of the groups, Advocacy, Law Enforcement Agencies, Child Witness, Courts, DA and Batterer's are scheduled to review and analyze their respective statistics and submit their sections of the Annual Report to Linda Starn at Dominican Hospital by 2/5/04.

c) Direct Services Report

There is a meeting scheduled for January 15, 2004 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Walnut Avenue Woman's Center. They are in the process of developing a training that conforms with the state mandated batterers intervention program to provide local training to programs who will be providing intervention services to batterers.

The LGBT task force received a grant for \$6,500 to begin evaluating the need for services in the area of domestic violence for the LGBT community.

9. LGBT Task Force

Sonya Drottar announced Women's Crisis Support-Defensa de Mujeres has been participating in the Queer Anti-violence Task Force to help them develop resources that address gay domestic violence issues.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to **February 11, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Police Department, Community Room.**

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary
Domestic Violence Commission