

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Wednesday, January 10, 2001, 5:30 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:

Sam Stevens, Chair
JoAnn Allen
Steve Belcher
Pat Ellerby
Myrna Fabbri for Laurie McWhorter
Anita Henri
Loretta Kuechle
Christine McGuire
Jim McMillan for Larry Biggam

Dee O'Brien, Vice Chair
Francesca Raphael
John Rhoads
Michelle Samis
Barbara Schaller
Mary Simoni
Heidi Simonson
Linda Starn

Commissioners Absent:

Michael Barton
Mary Benitez
Jane Brune (Excused)
Vicki Dyas
Lisa Gifford (Excused)

Gail Levine
Susan Myers
Celia Organista (Excused)
Francine Saucedo (Excused)
Mark Tracy

Others Present:

Steven Moore
Annie Oliveto
David Rabow
Caf Ring

Julie Schneider
Amy Sibiga
Darren Thompson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Sam Stevens. Chairman Stevens distributed a revised roster of Commission membership, and a calendar of Commission meeting dates for the year 2001.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Composition of The Executive Committee.

Invoice of Amy Sibiga for creative services.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2000

Myrna Fabbri asked that the minutes reflect an excused absence for Laurie McWhorter . Anita Henri stated that there was a typo in the adjournment section. The minutes should state that there is "no meeting" instead of there is "not meeting" . On the motion of Simonson and seconded by O'Brien the minutes of November 8, 2000 meeting were approved.

4. Oral Communication from the Community

Cat Ring made a short statement to the Commission. O'Brien suggested that if monies become available to the Commission, that child care can be provided.

5. Discussion re Commission Response to Public Comments

The manner in which the Commission responds to members of the public who address the Commission during Oral Communication was discussed. On the motion of Samis and second by Belcher the following procedure was adopted:

1. The Education Committee will draft a brochure/card that contains the procedure for public comments and other pertinent information about the role of the Commission including a time limit of three minutes per speaker.
2. The position of greeter is established. The greeter will welcome members of the general public, provide them with the brochure/card and explain the procedure for public comment.
3. When the member of the public has an issue specific to an agency or organization represented on the Commission, the Commissioner of that agency or organization may contact the member of the public following oral communication. The greeter will meet with and thank members of the public for their presentations.

6. Information Reports:

a) Executive Committee:

None was submitted.

b. Commissioner's Biography:

None was offered.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

a) Education:

None was submitted

b) Medical

No report was submitted.

c) Law Enforcement

No report was submitted.

8. D.V. Web Site

No report was submitted.

9. Composition of the Executive Committee

The following Commissioners will comprise the Executive Committee:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair
3. Secretary (District Attorney)
4. Two Commissioners appointed by the Chair

The duties of the Executive Committee is as follows:

1. Set the Agenda for Commission Meeting.
2. Review Correspondence sent to the Commission.
3. Review requests for expenditure of funds by the Commission.

9. Invoice of Amy Sibiga for creative services.

Amy Sibiga's invoice for creative services was discussed. This matter was referred back to Executive Committee for their consideration. The Executive Committee will report back to the Commission at the February 14 meeting with their recommendations.

10. Announcements/Oral Communication from Commissioners

Myrna Fabbri announced that the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women is sponsoring a public forum on January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 809 Center Street, Santa Cruz. For more information contact the CPVAW at 420-6298.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 14, 2001 at the Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room.

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary
Domestic Violence Commission