

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SHERIFF'S POSSE HOUSE
2127 Ocean Street Extension
Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

Wednesday, October 8, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:

Mark Tracy, Chair
Kim Austin
Melissa Berrengé
Larry Biggam
Sonya Drottar
Michelle Finch
Gillian Greensite
Lynn Harrison
Anita Henri
Tom Kelly

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

Commissioners Absent:

JoAnn Allen
Amy Christey (Excused)
Alan Hiromura (Excused)

Loretta Kuechle
Ernesto Lopez Molina
Francine Nickell

Others Present:

Bill Barrett
Bill Butler
Maria Campos
Victoria Downey
Michelle Foguet
Charlene Foster
Ronald Foster
Jean Jordan
Michele Makel
Sarah Mark

Luis Martin
Supervisor Ellen Pirie
Deborah Rasa
Celia Rowland
Joseph Salgaab
Jenny Sarmiento
Julie Schneider
Ariadné Symons
Elizabeth Voorhees

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Mark Tracy.

2. Additions and Deletions to Agenda

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2003 and September 10, 2003 Meetings

On the motion of Dixie Mitchell-Clow and seconded by Kim Austin the minutes were approved as submitted. Celia Organista and Dee O'Brien abstained.

4. Oral Communication from the Community

Tom Gilbertson announced that Family Matters is sponsoring a Casino Night on October 25. For more information contact Family Matters.

5. Budget Expenditures for Annual Report

On the motion of Dixie Mitchell-Clow and seconded by Heidi Simonson the Commission approved to accept the funds from the Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association to defray the costs of the Annual Report and for upgrading the web site. Motion carried.

6. Awards Ceremony

The following individuals were recognized for their efforts in domestic violence. They are:

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

Kai Drechsler, CPD
Mark Gonzalez, CPD
Connor Carey, SCPD
Mike Connor, SCPD
Jim Ross, SCSO
William Barrett, WPD
Luis Martin, WPD

WOMEN'S CRISIS SUPPORT- DEFENSA DE MURJURES:

Laura Orick
Josie Salgado
Annie Tara

BATTERED WOMEN'S TASK FORCE:

Charlene Foster
Ron Foster

PROBATION:

Jennifer Carrera

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:

Tom Gilbertson

WALNUT AVENUE

WOMEN'S SHELTER: Sarah Mark

FAMILY COURT SERVICES: Cameron McLaine

SURVIVORS: Michele Makel

7. Announcements

Gillian Greensite announced that the Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women has scheduled a forum to obtain input from the community on domestic violence, and sexual assault issues. The forum is scheduled for October 20, 2003 at 6:45 p.m. at the City of Santa Cruz Council Chambers.

On October 14 at 10:00 at the State Capitol the post office is releasing a new stamp focusing on domestic violence. The domestic violence banner is being circulated to various agencies throughout the County.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to **November 12, at 5:30 p.m. in Watsonville.**

Approved by Commission on:

Submitted by:

Jeanne M. Rodriguez, Secretary
Domestic Violence Commission