

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ROOM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 13 voting members present, Quorum not met.

Alisha Favorite	Laura Garnette
Bob Campbell	Laura Segura
Candace Atkins	Luanne Hult
Charles Molnar	Sherra Clinton
Heidi Simonson	Steve Robbins
Jo Ann Allen	
Jo Anna Goodman	
Kristin Long	

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Alan Hiromura	Kathi Loughlin
Bob Lee	Irwin Joseph
Dee O'Brien	

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:

Larry Biggam	Martina O'Sullivan
Edna Williams	Sherri Stout-Torres

OTHERS PRESENT:

Angie Garcia

1. **Call to Order.**
Commissioner Robbins called meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Introduction of Members.**
Each Commissioner introduced him/herself.
3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda.**
None
4. **Approval of May and June Minutes.**
Tabled
5. **Oral Communications from the Community.**
None

6. Old Business.

- A. **Review and discuss Draft Bylaws incorporating Reorganization Task force recommendations** - Commissioner Simonson would like to submit the bylaws to the Board of Supervisors as approved by the commission in the Spring, she opposes to less meetings. Commissioner Favorite also opposes to less meetings and would have liked to be more involved in the planning process for the reconstruction. Commissioner Simonson expresses that she would like to see each commissioner involved in a task force or subcommittee. The bylaws need to be corrected and cleaned up then taken to county counsel to see if they meet requirements. Commissioner Simonson volunteers to meet with Rahn Garcia to review Commissioner Irwin's document and the bylaws.
- B. **Vote to present new bylaws to Board of Supervisors-** Tabled
- C. **Follow up from April Retreat: Vote-** Tabled
 - 1. **Small Taskforces-** Commissioner Favorite and her committee met again and came up with more questions. The commission would like an email from each commissioner addressing one question from a victim. Wants each commissioner to address the question from his or her expertise.

7. New Business.

- A. **Committee Reporting Form-** One will be handed out to each chair of the task forces and will have a due date; they will be used as a progress report.
- B. **October DV awareness month activities-** Commissioner Simonson reports that the family law bar and the women lawyers had a luncheon and had Steve Barry as a speak about DV and the impact in children, he was very informative. The director of Family support services in Santa Clara will have training on the 17th. Commissioner Segura announces that Defensa de Mujeres is having a benefit at the Fox Theater on 10/25/08 at 10 am. They will be showing The Wizard of Oz. She also announced that there will be a seminar for health care providers on Thursday and that they will be passing out medical protocols next Thursday.

8. Task Forces and Committees

- A. **Task Force reports:** Tabled
 - 1. **DV Survivors Task Force**
- B. **Report to the Community-** Tabled
- C. **Policy and protocol**
 - 1. **LE-DV Guidelines-** Edits and changes to guidelines

9. Announcements from Commissioners.

10. Adjournment.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.