
SANTA MONICA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

APPROVED MINUTES

June 11, 2003– 7:00 pm

Ken Edwards Center

1527 4th Street, Santa Monica



A Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, beginning at 7:00 PM, to discuss the following business:

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt called the meeting to order at 7:10.

2. Inspiration – women’s history

None.

3. Roll Call

Commissioners Present:

Chair Evans - arrived at 7:15
Commissioner Cook
Commissioner Hayes-Raitt
Commissioner Lipton
Commissioner Starr
Commissioner Sahagun
Commissioner Skulski

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Preston
Commissioner Lipson

Also Present:

Tracy Scruggs, Human Services Supervisor
Libby Kozaczek, Community and Cultural Services Staff

4. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2003

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2003 as written. Chairperson Evans seconded the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Preston and Lipson. Abstain: Commissioner(s) Lipton and Sahagun.

5. Public Input

None.

6. Announcements and Correspondence

Tracy Scruggs gave an update on the proposed FY 03-04 budget, with an

emphasis on the Human Services Division and cuts made to the Community Development Plan grantees.

Commissioner Sahagun spoke on the Domestic Violence Clinic's proposed fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Evans read a letter from the County of Fairfax Board of Supervisors thanking the Commission for its letter of support for the County of Fairfax Office for Women.

7. Committee/Liaison Reports

A. Report on the Child Care and Early Education Task Force–

Commissioner Starr

Commissioner Starr gave an update on anticipated state funding for early childhood education.

B. Report on the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) – Commissioner Hayes-Raitt

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt reported on the need to renew ACCW membership dues.

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt made a motion to renew membership. Commissioner Sagahun seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Preston and Lipson.

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt reported on the upcoming ACCW convention in August.

Chairperson Evans made a motion to authorize up to \$1250 to be spent for two people to attend the conference in August. Commissioner Hayes-Raitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Preston and Lipson.

C. Report on the Domestic Violence Network – Commissioner Sahagún

Commissioner Sahagun reported on the financial state of the Domestic Violence Network, as well as the “Shades of Gray” conference held for people who work on domestic violence issues.

8. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion and Possible Action on the COSW Draft Report on the Status of Women in Santa Monica

Commissioner(s) Skulski and Sagahun updated the Commission on the status of the report. Teresa Magula has been selected to work on the report and will begin in August. Discussion followed. Commissioner Hayes-Raitt

suggested Teresa Magula attend a COSW meeting.

B. Continued Discussion, Planning and Possible Action on the Work/Life Survey

Commissioner Skulski and Chair Evans reported on the status of the survey. Discussion followed.

C. Continued Discussion & Possible Action Related to COSW's Proposed Correspondence to City Council Supporting the Formation of a Santa Monica Youth Commission

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt read a draft letter to City Council expressing support for the formation of a Santa Monica Youth Commission. Discussion followed. Revisions to the letter were proposed, explaining the Commission's support as contingent upon available funding.

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt made a motion to send the letter to City Council with the proposed amendment. Chairperson Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Lipson and Preston. Oppose: Commissioner(s) Sahagun and Starr. Abstain: Commissioner Lipton.

9. New Business

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Senator Sheila Kuehl's California Universal Health Coverage Bill (SB 921)

Commissioner(s) Sahagun and Skulski reported on Women In Action Lobby Day and gave background information on SB 921. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt made a motion to forward a letter to City Council to recommend they support SB 921. Commissioner Sahagun seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Lipson and Preston. Oppose: Commissioner(s) Skulski and Lipton. Abstain: Chairperson Evans.

Commissioner Sahagun will draft the letter and submit it to City staff for review and comment.

Commissioner Skulski made a motion to invite Senator Kuehl's area representative to the July COSW meeting to speak on SB 921. Commissioner Sahagun seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Lipson and Preston.

B. Presentation from Crossroads Students on Their Campaign to Oppose Sexually Explicit Advertising (This item was discussed before Item 7 to accommodate guest speakers.)

Commissioner Hayes-Raitt introduced students Shauna Miller, Amanda Morey, and Alexander Huff, members of the Women's Issues Club at Crossroads School. The students spoke on their proposed efforts to educate peers on the objectification of the female body in media. Discussion followed.

The Commission offered its support for the Women's Issues Club and suggested they return to the Commission in the Fall.

C. Discussion and Possible Action to Plan COSW Retreat

Discussion of the COSW retreat included clarification of the intent of a retreat and logistics of the meeting. Tracy Scruggs will email possible dates to hold the COSW retreat.

D. Presentation By the Santa Monica Rape Center

This item was delayed to July.

E. Discussion and Possible Action Related To a Public Information Outreach Brochure for COSW

Commissioner Skulski reported on the possibility of avenues for outreach and the formation of COSW brochure to accompany the Work/Life survey. Discussion followed.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Starr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Lipton and Preston. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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