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**SANTA MONICA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**October 8, 2003– 7:00 pm**  
Ken Edwards Center  
1527 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica

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**Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women is to enhance the status of women in our community. The Commission will promote these goals through investigation, advocacy, and policy development on issues relevant to women and girls, and by creating leadership and career advancement opportunities for women and girls in our community.

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A Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2003 to discuss the following business:

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**2. Inspiration – Women’s History**

Commissioner Lipson shared an article about Mamie Mobley and acknowledged Commissioner Preston’s participation in the freedom ride for immigrant rights.

**3. Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Chair Evans  
Commissioner Cook  
Commissioner Lipson  
Commissioner Lipton (arrived at 7:15pm)  
Commissioner Sahagún  
Commissioner Skulski

**Also Present:**

Tracy Scruggs, Human Services Supervisor

**4. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2003**

Chair Evans made a motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 2003, as written. Commissioner Lipson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**5. Public Input**

Pro Se expressed appreciation to COSW for their support in establishing the Disabilities Commission. He appealed to the COSW to participate in a joint meeting with other City Commissions to consider his proposal to improve safety in Santa Monica by establishing a taxi voucher program targeting seniors and persons with disabilities.

**6. Announcements and Correspondence**

Robin Podolski, from the Office of Senator Sheila Kuehl, gave an overview of SB 921, the Health Care for All Californians Act, and encouraged Commissioners to continue supporting the proposed legislation.

7. **Committee/Liaison Reports**
  - A. **Child Care and Early Education Task Force (Commissioners Starr and Lipton)**  
No report given.
  - B. **Association of California Commissions for Women (Commissioner Hayes-Raitt)**  
No report given.
  - C. **Westside Domestic Violence Network (Commissioner Lipton)**  
No report given.
  
8. **Old Business**
  - A. **Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the FY03-04 Budget**  
Tracy Scruggs reported that the COSW budget has been updated to include the cost of the retreat.
  - B. **Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Report On the Status of Women and Girls In Santa Monica**  
Commissioner Skulski provided an update on the project and distributed a draft report for Commissioners to review. The subcommittee anticipates completing the draft in December 2003, and hopes to present it for discussion and public review at the January 2003 meeting. A discussion regarding the project budget followed.
  - C. **Continued Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Work/Life Survey**  
Chair Evans distributed the draft work/life survey scope of work and questionnaire for Commission review.
  
9. **New Business**
  - A. **Discussion, Planning and Possible Action On the Junior Commissioner Event**  
Chair Evans reported that she would be unable to coordinate this project as previously planned because of her participation in planning Martin Luther King Day. Tracy Scruggs reported that if COSW wishes to pursue an actual "Junior Commissioner" position, they will need to forward a recommendation to Council. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Lipton made a motion to identify the project as "Youth Intern Project." Commissioner Sahagun made a friendly amendment to identify the project as "Youth Leadership Intern Project." Commissioner Lipson seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Commissioner Sahagun volunteered to draft a proposed project plan for COSW consideration.
  
  - B. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Public Information Materials (COSW Brochure and Website)**  
Commissioner Skulski reported that she and Commissioner Sahagun reviewed a number of web sites. Commissioner Sahagun is preparing a list of links for COSW review.
  
10. **Adjournment - Chair Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Skulski seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.**