



SANTA MONICA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Regular MEETING
MINUTES

January 12, 2005 – 7:00 pm

Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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.

A regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission On the Status of Women was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2005, to discuss the following business:

1. Call to Order - Chair Skulski called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Inspiration/Women's History – None.

3. Roll Call

Present:

Chair Skulski	
Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt	(Left at 9)
Commissioner Cook	(Arrived at 7:15, Left at 9)
Commissioner Evans	(Arrived at 7:30)
Commissioner Reil	
Commissioner Starr	
Commissioner Stegemoeller	

Absent: Commissioner(s) Lipton and Sher

Also Present:

Janet Hand, Human Services Division
Libby Carlson, Community & Cultural Services Administration Division

4. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2004

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2004, as written. Commissioner Starr seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Lipton and Sher.

5. Public Input – None.

Chair Skulski made a motion to address Items 9A & 9C before Item 6. Commissioner Reil seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner(s) Lipton and Sher.

9. A. New Business: Discussion & Possible Action On Presentation by City Staff

On Update to the Circulation Element – Lucy Dyke, Transportation Planning Manager, and Michelle Glickert, Transportation Planning Associate, from the City's Transportation Management Division gave a presentation on the update to the City's Circulation Element.

Liz Bar-El, Associate Planner from the City Planning Division, gave a presentation on the update to the City's Land Use Element. Commission discussion followed.

9. **C. Presentation On Local Girl Scouts Activities and Opportunities for Leadership Involvement** – Diana Meier and representatives from the Girl Scouts made a presentation on programs and activities by local Girl Scout troops. Ms. Meier also spoke on opportunities for involvement in the Girl Scouts' leadership programs. Commission discussion followed.

6. **Announcements and Correspondence**

Chair Skulski distributed articles of interest to the Commission.

Chair Skulski announced the resignation of Commissioner Sher. Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt suggested the Vacancy Nominating Committee regroup in February.

Chair Skulski reported on a request from Andrew Parker of Upward Bound House that COSW hold a meeting at the facility. Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt suggested doing so in April 2005.

7. **Committee/Liaison Reports**

- A. **Child Care and Early Education Task Force** – Commissioner Starr will attend the next meeting scheduled for January 19 at noon.

- B. **Association of California Commissions for Women** - Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt distributed draft answers to the ACCW's "Critical Issues Survey" for Commission review. Discussion followed.

- C. **Westside Domestic Violence Network** – Commissioner Reil will attend the next meeting scheduled for January 19.

- D. **Commissioner Recruiting Network** – Chair Skulski reported on the enthusiastic response received for the concept of a Commissioner Recruiting Network at a recent meeting of Board & Commission Chairs.

Janet Hand suggested tying the Network into the City's Leadership Series and stated a flyer would be distributed at the next meeting of the Series. After reviewing the flyer, Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt suggested it be sent to candidates from the last election and as a press release to local media. Commissioner Reil suggested sending the flyer to neighborhood associations.

8. **Old Business - Continued Discussion & Possible (Further) Action On:**

- A. The Report On the Status of Women and Girls In Santa Monica** – Chair Skulski and Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt reported on the successful presentation of the Report to City Council.

Commissioner Stegemoeller reported the City will now require the collection of demographic data as part of its grantee applications.

Commissioner Stegemoeller distributed a cover memo to accompany copies of the Report when it is sent to various agencies. Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt recommended sending the memo as a press release to local media outlets.

Chair Skulski made a motion to allocate funds for printing 250 copies of the Report, not to exceed \$600. Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Lipton.

Chair Skulski reviewed preliminary action steps based on the Report's recommendations. Commission discussion regarding prioritization of action steps followed. Prioritized items were then distributed among the Commissioners for investigation and brainstorming, with the goal of providing a summary of ideas to advance the priorities to the Commission at its next meeting.

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt made a motion to address Item 8.E. prior to Item 8.B. Commissioner Reil seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Lipton.

- E. Young Leader's Oral History Project and Recruitment for Next Year's Youth Intern** – Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt reported on a recent meeting with Julia Simon and other youth involved in the Oral History Project, and distributed a work plan for the project. Commission discussion followed, including requesting project participants present their work at the February COSW meeting.

Commissioner Reil made a motion authorizing up to two young leaders to present their projects before City Council in March for Women's History Month. Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Lipton.

Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt made a motion authorizing Julia Simon to spend up to \$250 on an opening reception for the project. Chair Skulski seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Commissioner Lipton.

- B. Work/Life Survey** – Commissioner Cook reported that the committee is compiling responses and will brainstorm ideas for presenting the results.
- C. Public Information Materials, Including Domestic Violence and COSW Brochures and Web Page** – This item was continued to the next meeting.

D. Commission's Recommendations to City Council on the FY05-06 City Budget – Commissioner Stegemoeller distributed budget committee objectives and recommended the possibility of partnering with the Social Services Commission. Discussion followed.

F. City's Response to Complaints of Discrimination at SAMOSHEL – Commissioner Reil reported that she met separately with Rosemary Rogello and City staff from the Human Services Division to discuss the current state of the homeless population and policies and procedures. Commissioner Reil stated that City staff are working to coordinate site visits for herself and Chair Skulski.

Commissioner Reil also reported on the presentations by City staff of the Annual Review for Coordinated Homeless Services and Sobering Center Concept to City Council.

Commissioner Reil stated she would meet with the Chair of the Social Services Commission.

G. Update to Commission's FY04-05 Budget – This item was continued to the next meeting.

9. New Business:

B. Opportunities for Participation in Women's Advisory Board of West Hollywood V-Day Events – No report.

D. Women's History Month Events, Including Presentation to City Council – This item was discussed under item 8E.

E. Nomination of Individual for Woman of the Year – This item was continued to the next meeting.

10. Adjournment – Chair Skulski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was carried in the absence of Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt, Commissioner(s) Cook and Lipton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.