



SANTA MONICA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Regular Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

November 9, 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, November 9, 2005, to discuss the following business:

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Skulski called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Chair Skulski
Co-Vice Chair Lipton
Commissioner Jara
Commissioner Nevers
Commissioner Starr
Commissioner Stegemoeller

Absent:

Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt
Commissioner Cook
Commissioner Riel

Also Present:

City Councilmember Kevin McKeown (departed at 8:15 pm)
Janet Hand, Human Services Division
Kevin Nagata, Human Services Division
Eric Tang, Community Coordinator, Clean Money Campaign

3. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2005 Meeting

Chair Skulski moved to accept the minutes from October 19, 2005 as written. Commissioner Jara seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt and Commissioners Cook and Riel.

4. **Public Input** - None

5. Announcements and Correspondence

Chair Skulski announced she attended the October 27th California Governor's & First Lady's Conference on Women and Families at the Long Beach Convention

Center and suggested that the Commission consider sending representatives next year to this "star-studded" event.

Janet Hand announced that Virginia Avenue Park would be having a Farmers' Market Homecoming and Portraits of a Neighborhood event on Saturday, November 12th and the Grand Opening Festival on December 4th from 12-4 p.m. The request for the Commission to have a booth at the Grand Opening is still under review.

Chair Skulski introduced Andrea Wagner, Chair of the West Los Angeles / Santa Monica Professionals in Human Resources Association (District 5), and Director of Operations for the Anti-Defamation League.

Commissioner Jara announced that Santa Monica College would be hosting an evening with Lisa Garcia Bedella, author of *Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity and Politics* on Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, call (310) 434-4003.

Co-Vice Chair Lipton and Commissioner Jara briefed the Commission on their attendance at the October 26th Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) 2005 Mayoral Housing Summit at UCLA and distributed a "Solving the Housing Crisis in Los Angeles" handout. Co-Vice Chair Lipton reported she signed up for the Housing Council on the LABC's website; she will keep the Commission informed of further developments. The Commission agreed to agendaize finding more sources of affordable housing for the next meeting.

Chair Skulski moved that the Commission address Item 7A before Item 6. Co-Vice Chair Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt and Commissioners Cook and Riel.

7. New Business:

- A. Clean Money Campaign** – Eric Tang, Community Coordinator for the California Clean Money Campaign, discussed the benefits to adopting clean money campaign practices asked that the Commission support the efforts of the California Clean Money Campaign.

Co-Vice Chair Lipton moved that the Commission draft a letter to the City Council for its January budget hearing recommending Council investigate whether Santa Monica could and should institute a clean money campaign ordinance. Chair Skulski seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt and Commissioners Cook and Riel.

Commissioner Stegemoeller volunteered to draft the letter.

6. Committee/Liaison Reports

- A. Child Care and Early Education Task Force** – No report.
- B. Association of California Commissions for Women** – Co-Vice Chair Lipton

reported that the November 5th meeting was lively and provided updates on the actions of several Commissions on the Status of Women. Co-Vice Chair Lipton also reported that the ACCW was looking for locations for its February 2006 quarterly meeting.

Co-Vice Chair Lipton moved that the Commission offer to serve as a backup host for the ACCW's quarterly meeting on Friday, February 24th, 2006 and allocate \$600 to \$700 to cover the cost of a breakfast / lunch reception. Commissioner Jara seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt and Commissioners Cook and Riel.

City Staff will investigate possible City locations for the ACCW meeting.

C. Westside Domestic Violence Network – No report.

D. Public Relations Liaisons – Commissioner Nevers suggested that the Commission create a resources guide and host a round table with non-profit agency representatives.

7. New Business:

B. Outstanding Woman Leader (OWL) Award – Co-Vice Chair Lipton distributed OWL Award draft selection criteria. The Commission reviewed the criteria and offered revisions.

Co-Vice Chair Lipton moved to accept the OWL award criteria with amendments. Commissioner Jara seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt and Commissioners Cook and Riel.

Discussion ensued regarding December OWL award candidates Susan McCarthy (City Manager) and Gloria Curiel (Latina Youth Conference); the frequency of awards; and creation of a junior OWL award for young women ages 16-24. Commissioner Jara and Nevers will serve on an ad hoc committee to determine if and how a junior OWL award should be implemented.

Co-Vice Chair Lipton moved that Susan McCarthy be the Commission's December OWL Award recipient. Chair Skulski seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote in the absence of Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt and Commissioners Cook and Riel.

C. Pedophile Recognition Community Training / Brochure - Tabled.

8. Old Business:

A. COSW Website – Co-Vice Chair Lipton reported she had met with Keith Kurtz, the City's Internet Systems Coordinator, and that improvements to the Commission's website were moving forward.

B. Young Leader Projects - Commissioner Nevers suggested that the Young Leaders work together collaboratively on a project, rather than individually, to

promote team-building skills.

- C. Collection / Analysis of Gender Data from City and Grantees - Tabled.**
 - D. Salary Analysis Project - Tabled.**
 - E. Report from the Pico Neighborhood Issues Subcommittee -** Commissioner Jara reported she had attended a Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE) meeting on Eviction Free Zoning and would report on specifics at the Commission's December meeting due to time constraints.
 - F. Work/Life Survey Update – Tabled.**
 - G. Former Commissioner Roundtable –** Commissioner Jara suggested that this event be combined with the Latino Youth Conference. Chair Skulski reported that Co-Vice Chair Hayes-Raitt would likely no longer be involved in the planning process.
 - H. Assistance with Ownership Case Study – Tabled.**
 - I. Financial Seminar Series – Tabled.**
 - J. Tech Girls Event –** Chair Skulski reported she would be having a meeting next week on this topic.
- 9. Adjournment –** The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.