



SANTA MONICA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Regular Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

October 11, 2006 – 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, October 11, 2006, to discuss the following business:

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Lipton called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Commissioner Dagodag
Commissioner Emeritus Evans
Chair Lipton
Commissioner Riel
Vice Chair Rowan
Commissioner Stegemoeller

Absent:

Commissioner Heller
Commissioner Jara
Commissioner Skulski
Commissioner Starr

Also Present:

Danielle Noble, Human Services Division
Kathleen Stecko, Human Services Division
Samin Davari (Young Leader)

3. **Administration of Oath of Office to Melissa Kerry Dagodag**
Handled administratively prior to commencement of the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2006 Meeting

Commissioner Stegemoeller moved to accept the minutes from September 13, 2006 as written. Vice Chair Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

5. **Public Input:** None.

6. **Announcements and Correspondence** – Mail was distributed.

7. Committee / Liaison Reports

- a. **Child Care and Early Education Task Force** – It was determined that Commissioner Dagodag would attend the November meeting.
- b. **Assoc. of Calif. Comm. on Women** – There was discussion on Commissioner Dagodag possibly attending the ACCW conference in November in Santa Clarita.

Chair Lipton motioned to authorize a person to be named outside of the meeting to be reimbursed the cost of attending the ACCW conference. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion carried by voice vote.

- c. **Westside Domestic Violence Network** – Vice Chair Rowan gave report.
- d. **Public Relations Liaison** – Chair Lipton indicated this will be addressed under the Liaisons conversation.

8. New Business

- a. **Meeting Decorum**

Chair Lipton motioned to table item 8a due to having less than a full commission in attendance. Vice Chair Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. Old Business

- a. **Ad Hoc Committee Reports** – Committee information was distributed.
 - 1) **Leadership Committee:** Vice Chair Rowan presented the Leadership Committee's report. Leadership projects include the Outstanding Woman Leader (OWL) Award and Jr. OWL Award; Young Leaders; and Clean Money/Public Financing Reform. Members discussed the OWL Award selection process and recognition event. Questions were raised regarding the committee's membership and consensus on the presented projects.
 - 2) **Community Awareness Committee:** Commissioner Riel presented the Community Awareness Committee's report. Community Awareness projects include: the development of a resource guide; exploring working with the Chamber of Commerce for the guide's distribution; and the production of Public Service Announcements.
 - 3) **Community Violence Committee:** Chair Lipton presented the Community Violence Committee's report. Community Violence Committee projects include: researching and publicizing existing anti-violence programs; connecting people working on anti-violence issues; and possibly sponsoring either a gun buy-back program or a local ban on ammunition sales. Chair Lipton announced that she will be attending the Citizen Police Academy.

A discussion ensued about the Commission's projects and priorities. Commissioner Stegemoeller spoke about project replication. Chair Lipton spoke about shifting the role to advisory. Acting Staff Liaison spoke about the Commission's role in advising City Council and participating in the community development grant process.

Chair Lipton motioned that the COSW video for the Boards and Commissions meeting this year be a Public Service Announcement about a topic to be determined by the Ad-Hoc Committee working on that PSA. Commissioner Dagodag seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

PSA team: Commissioners Riel and Dagodag, Vice Chair Rowan and possibly Chair Lipton and other Commissioners not present at this meeting. Chair Lipton will solicit interest.

Commissioner Stegemoeller motioned to create a group that is empowered to develop recommendations regarding how to partner with the city on raising awareness about community services. Chair Lipton seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion carried by voice vote.

Advisory team: Commissioners Riel, Stegemoeller and possibly Commissioner Jara

Commissioner Stegemoeller motioned to develop a Community Awareness Advisory Team to determine how to partner with the City. Chair Lipton seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Lipton motioned to create a separate OWL committee that is empowered to finalize the selection process, the publicity for the event, the application process and is empowered to determine how the presentation of the awards will be completed according to plan. Vice Chair Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

OWL committee to be determined.

Commissioner Dagodag motioned to commit to having only one Young Leader for the remaining seven months of this Young Leader cycle so we can develop clear standards, guidelines and support for the Young Leaders Program. Chair Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

Interested individuals: Vice Chair Rowan, Commissioner Dagodag, and other parties to be determined.

b. FY 06-07 Work Plan, Budget and Calendar of Events

Last year's budget was distributed for a discussion regarding FY06-07 budget allocation and FY 05-06 actual expenditures.

Chair Lipton motioned to table a discussion on the budget until next month's meeting. Commissioner Dagodag seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

c. COSW Liaisons

Chair Lipton motioned to eliminate the P.R. Liaison from the Commission on the Status of Women. Commissioner Riel seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

d. Governor's Conference for Women and Families

Commissioner Dagodag reported on her attendance of the event.

Chair Lipton motioned to table items E and F. Vice Chair Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

e. "Safe At Home" Legislation – AB2169; SB1062; SB1743

f. Clean Money Campaigning for the City

Acting Staff Liaison Danielle Noble distributed a roster of Commissioners and requested information from the Commissioners regarding their professional associations and memberships.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Rowan motioned to adjourn. Chair Lipton seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.