



SANTA MONICA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Regular Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

February 11, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

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 February 11, 2009, to discuss the following business:

1. **Call to Order** –Chair Jara called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar
Commissioner Galloway (Departed at 9:35 p.m.)
Commissioner Goeke
Chair Jara
Commissioner Peebles
Commissioner Stegemoeller

Absent:

Commissioner Moon
Commissioner Emeritus Evans
Commissioner Skulski

Also Present:

Julie Taren, Human Services Division
Kathleen Stecko, Human Services Division

3. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2009 Meeting

Commissioner Stegemoeller moved to accept the minutes as amended from January 14, 2009. Commissioner Goeke seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

4. **Public Input** – None

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

- Commissioner Bishop-Dunbar announced League of Women Voter's 75th Birthday on February 14th at SMC Public Library
- Chair Jara announced SMC play *Comedies by Women* June 12 – 14, 2009, the Young Life Spring Banquet, a workshop and membership meeting hosted by PYNC, and spoke about her experience attending the Presidential Inauguration.
- Commissioner Goeke announced she will be attending the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

6. Staff Liaison Report

- On February 23, 2009, the Santa Monica Homeless Count Presentation will be held at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Commissioners agreed to request from Stacy Rowe, HSD Administrator for a similar presentation at their March meeting.

- The City of Santa Monica Website Redesign was briefly discussed per an update request.

Commissioner Goeke moved to have item 9e be discussed prior to item 7. Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

9. New Business

e. Discussion of COSW Role in Santa Monica Citywide Reads

Julie MacDonald from the Santa Monica Public Library summarized and answered questions about Santa Monica Citywide Reads.

7. Committee/Liaison Reports

a. Association of California Commissions on Women – No report.

b. Legislative Report

Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar presented 2008 legislation and CCSW 2009-10 Legislative Priorities and announced impact of budget cuts on women and girls. Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar announced an upcoming State Hearing on the economic plight of seniors and Commissioners asked Staff Liaison Taren to follow up with the Commission for the Senior Community. City Council seat opening will be handled by appointment or special election.

c. Westside Domestic Violence Network – No report

d. Rosie's Girls Liaison

Jennell Maze reported to the Commission on upcoming Rosie's Girls activities and plans to appoint a liaison to the COSW with two alternates.

8. Old Business

a. Continuing Review and Discussion of Surveys for Women and Girls and Timeline for Completion by February 28, 2009 – Survey drafts were distributed, reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Goeke presented changes to the survey and asked Commissioners for feedback. Discussion ensued. Commissioners will submit input prior to next Commission meeting. Rosie's Girls submitted three questions: What things are there to do in Santa Monica? Who are your role models? What is missing in Santa Monica?

b. Report of Data on Community Safety – Staff Liaison Taren indicated Phil Sanchez is gathering data to be available in March.

c. Participation in Latina Youth Conference – Chair Jara handed out timeframe and will meet with committee. Participation from Commission and Rosie's Girls will be requested.

d. COSW Budget Status Report – Current budget and budget priorities for FY 2009-10 were discussed, including retaining an amount in next year's budget for WSHC Success Breakfast and recognizing September 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar moved to reallocate the \$300.00 not spent on the 2008 WSHC Success Breakfast to Community Events. Commissioner Peebles seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

9. New Business

a. COSW Vacancy and Outreach Efforts – Commissioner Stegemoeller announced an applicant from a SMC Professor in Gender Studies.

Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar moved to establish a Commissioner Vacancy Ad-Hoc Committee. Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Commissioners asked Staff Liaison to submit a letter to City Council requesting delay of appointment to late April.

Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee created consisting of Chair Jara, Commissioner Galloway, possibly Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar or Commissioner Skulski.

b. Participation in Unity Resource Festival on Sunday, March 8, 2009

Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar moved to utilize no more than \$300.00 to purchase flashlights to be given out at Community Events. Commissioner Goeke seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote with Commissioner Stegemoeller opposing.

Commissioner Goeke moved to allocate \$25.00 for a booth at the Unity Resource Festival. Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Chair Jara will be at the booth and Commissioner Galloway will possibly be available for part of the time.

c. Participation in Meeting with International Visitors from Japan, February 13, 2009 and Discussion about Refreshments

Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar moved to allocate up to \$75.00 for two Santa Monica Beach Books and refreshments for the two Japanese delegates who plan on visiting City Hall on Friday, February 13, 2009.. Commissioner Goeke seconded the motion. Motion passed on a voice vote with Commissioner Stegemoeller opposing.

Commissioner Goecke and Vice Chair Bishop-Dunbar plan on attending the meeting, and Commissioner Jara, if in town.

d. Request for City Council Resolution to Commemorate March as Women's History Month and Recognition of the 2009 Latina/o Youth Conference – The proclamation was circulated amongst the Commissioners for review and will be forwarded to City Council.

f. Agenda Items for March Meeting

- Homeless Count Presentation
- Safety Data
- Survey

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Peebles moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Goeke seconded the motion. The Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.