

February 15th, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Attendees: Ana Marie Bustos, Tique Lee Caul, Joan Conley, Argentina Davila-Luevano, Sean Duckworth, Phyllis Gordon, Terri Lieder, Marie McDonald, Sara Mendoza, Carlyn Obringer, Hazel Wetherford

Absent: Nimfa Gamez, Juliana Hynes, Karen Peterson, Cecilia Valdez, Dana Wellington

Guests: Leah Bristol, an aide for Senator Mark DeSaulnier

April Gibson, an aide for Supervisor Karen Mitchoff

District IV Supervisor Karen Mitchoff

Public Comments:

Welcome and Discussion with District IV Supervisor Karen Mitchoff

The Commissioners welcomed Supervisor Mitchoff and introduced themselves. Supervisor Mitchoff thanked the Commissioners for their service on the Commission and for the work they do, particularly in regards to the Girl-on-Girl Violence Study. The Supervisor was glad to offer the use of her office as a meeting place, and wants to be as supportive as possible. One issue that the Supervisor brought up was the redistricting of the supervisorial districts, which will be occurring soon. Districts I, II, and IV are expanding, and Districts III and V are constricting. Outreach meetings will be held in each district, and Supervisor Mitchoff encourages communication on this and any other issue. Commissioner Obringer then opened the discussion up for the Commission as a whole, in order to take advantage of the opportunity to have the Supervisor respond and answer questions. Dialogue between the Supervisor and the Commission ensued. In closing, Commissioner Obringer thanked the Supervisor for her attention and devotion.

Chair's Report:

a) Community Event Planning Calendar: Commissioner Obringer reminded the Commission about the calendar, asking everyone to keep in mind any events where the Commission would want to have a presence.

Commissioner Gordon reminded everyone about the Get Real Academy, to be held on February 28th.

The Advisory Body Training is to be held on February 28th, from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M.

An ongoing goal of the Commission is to raise its visibility. One way the Commission will be accomplishing this is to go before the Board of Supervisors for a proclamation honoring Womens History Month, in March. The Board meeting where this will occur is March 15th. Commissioner Obringer encouraged all the Commissioners to go to the city clerks for their cities and ask for proclamations be presented there as well. So far the cities of Hercules and Pinole will be issuing these proclamations, on March 7th and March 1st, respectively.

b) Miscellaneous:

Staff Liaison Issue: The Commission was pleasantly surprised to hear that Supervisor Mitchoff will be providing one of her staff as a liaison with the Commission. Commissioner Obringer opened a discussion to see if there were any specific questions or requests relating to the staff liaison's role with the Commission. Commissioner Mendoza brought up the distribution of the Girl-on-Girl Violence Reports. Commissioner Lieder brought up the maintenance of the rosters, and consensus was to keep it within the Commission.

Approval of January Minutes:

Commissioner Gordon moved and Commissioner McDonald seconded approving the. Commissioners Bustos, Conley, and Wetherford, abstained, all other members voted in favor.

Elections:

The Nominating Committee briefly discussed how the elections will occur, and clarified some minor issues regarding responsibilities of the positions. Nominations from the floor were then opened.

Chair/Co-Chair Nominations: Carlyn Obringer, Ana Marie Bustos, Sara Mendoza
Commissioner Obringer consented to standing, Commissioners Bustos and Mendoza declined.

Vice Chair Nominations: Karen Peterson
Commissioner Peterson consented.

Secretary Nominations: Sean Duckworth
Commissioner Duckworth consented.

After discussion, it was decided to hold off on electing a Treasurer until the March meeting.

Due to the lack of contested positions, Commissioner McDonald moved and Commissioner Davila-Luevano to adopt the slate by consensus. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Human Trafficking Workshop Report:

Due to Commissioner Valdez's absence, this item has been tabled until a future meeting.

Committee Reports:

CCCW Website:

Commissioner Mendoza reported that the Commission's website will be able to show the agendas and minutes of the Commission, as well as a "members-only" section containing certain documents. It was asked that the Friends of the Commission be added to the Commission's distribution list, if they have not been added already.

Membership:

- i. Commissioner Lieder reported that the recommendation of Erin Beable had been sent, as well as the reappointments of the Commissioners whose terms are expiring: Sara Mendoza and Phyllis Gordon. They should be on the Board agenda sometime in March.
- ii. Status of Attendance: Commissioner Duckworth reported on the attendance figures for the Commission.

Girl-on-Girl Violence Study:

Commissioner Wetherford announced that she has given Commissioner Mendoza all of the original surveys, as well as all the results, and that she would be remaining on as a volunteer with the distribution and printing of the reports. Commissioner Mendoza reported that the final reports are out, and that they need to be distributed. There are still boxes of copies available that need to go out as soon as possible.

The next Subcommittee meeting will be held on February 22nd, at 5:30 p.m. at Supervisor Mitchoff's office, to deal with the planning of the forums. We still need to finalize the date of the forums, as well as the location.

Commissioner Mendoza also made a request for a co-chair on this project. Commissioner McDonald stepped forward.

Legislative Committee:

Commissioner Bustos said that she wanted to see the committee come alive this year, and her goal was to have a meeting with all of the state legislators.

Commissioner Conley gave an update on the legislative, political, and judicial happenings at the county, state, and federal levels.

Bylaws Subcommittee:

Commissioner Lieder reported that she had heard back from the County Administrator's office. The County Counsel has reviewed the bylaws, and not approved them. Revisions have been made, though they have not yet been sent yet.

Announcements:

Commissioner Obringer thanked Commissioners Lieder and Wetherford for their years of service and dedication. Commissioner Wetherford said that her leaving was bittersweet, and that she was looking to pursue a law degree. Commissioner Lieder said that it's been quite a ride. Her 8 years of service has seen her in all the different officer positions, and, due to other factors in her life, she feels it is unfair to stay on and not be able to spend as much time as possible. However, she will not be leaving, as she is the current President of the Friends.

Commissioner Wetherford said that, with all the new Commissioners, it might be a good idea to put in an order for business cards.

Commissioner Bustos announced that on February 25th, at 5:30, a networking event is to be held. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

Erin Beable announced that there were a few events coming up that she is planning and participating in.

Commissioner Gamez gave an update on a situation that came up and that she had requested advice for.

Commissioner Mendoza brought up having a storage space for the Commission's documents. While there is a storage location in Martinez, there is a need for short-term storage spaces, and it was requested that April Gibson look into the possibility of having such a short-term space in Supervisor Mitchoff's office

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sean Duckworth