

county of ventura

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VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MINUTES
September 19, 1987

- I. The meeting was held at the Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 E. Janss Road and was called to order by co-chair Brook Hubbell at 9:08 a.m.
- II. Commissioners Present:
Miriam Albert, Thousand Oaks
Dot Engel, Thousand Oaks
Tila Estrada, Oxnard
Karen Flock, Ventura
Lillian Goldman, Camarillo
Brook Hubbell, Simi Valley
Arleen Reetz, Ventura
Sandy Ryder, Camarillo
Bonnie Warrington, Simi Valley
Martha White, Oxnard
Susan Witting, Thousand Oaks
- Commissioners Absent:
Lauren Anderson, Ventura
Jean Harris, Oxnard
Zora Kirby, Thousand Oaks
- Staff Present:
Martha Baskerville, Admin. Aide
- Guests:
Lorraine Pankratz,
Ginny Connell and
Lee Anderson, Friends of the
Commission; Marjorie Johnson,
Mrinalini Watson, Education
Task Force; Pat Mason; Sylvia
Armitta, Interface
- III. The Minutes of August 15, 1987 were accepted as submitted.
- IV. There was no public comment.
- V. **Financial Report - Staff**
As of August 14, 15% of the fiscal year had elapsed with 12% of level 1 funds expended (salaries & benefits) and 14% of level 2 funds expended (services and supplies).
- VI. **Executive Secretary's Report - Sandy Ryder**
Correspondence
Received: Copy of a draft environmental impact report for a City of San Buenaventura Comprehensive Plan Amendment to year 2010. Commissioner Flock will review the draft report and prepare comments re: the impact of the plan amendments on the main areas of concern to the Commission.
Received: Copy of the report of the Advisory Panel on the Child Oriented Divorce Act of 1987. Commissioner Ryder will prepare a written response to submit for the October 21 public hearings.

A copy of the complete correspondence report is available from the Commission Office.

- VII. Staff Report - Martha Baskerville
Staff reported that the Commission's clerical secretary position is still open. (NOTE: The position has since been filled.)

Copies of the results of the August meeting's brainstorming and planning session were distributed and reviewed briefly. Task force and committee members will review and refine their initial plans to present to the full commission at the October meeting.

- VIII. Friends of the Commission
Ginny Connell will arrange for awardee's posters for the reception prior to the banquet. So far there is a commitment for 9 patron tables.

IX. Task Force Reports

A. Education Task Force

1. "Salute To Women" Banquet invitations have been mailed. A mailing will be done to potential patrons with follow-up calls to be done by each commissioner.
2. Co-Chair Brook Hubbell reviewed the Chronology of events regarding allegations that the Westlake Plaza Hotel discriminates against Blacks and other minorities.

An initial committee consisting of Commissioners Engel, Witting and White was established in July to look into the allegations. In August, the NAACP sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Commission's plan to hold the awards banquet at the Westlake Plaza. The NAACP did not send a copy of the letter to the Commission nor to the Friends of the Commission.

Dr. Hubbell expressed regret at the Friends of the Commission's unilateral action in response to the letter from the NAACP.

Although Dr. Hubbell received a letter from the management of the Westlake Plaza denying the allegation, it was decided to expand the original committee to look further into the allegations and report to the commission at a future meeting. The full committee now includes Commissioners Martha White who will act as chair, Dot Engel, Susan Witting, Tila Estrada, Friends President Lee Anderson and community member Pat Mason.

3. Pay Equity Seminar - The committee developing this seminar, to be part of the Community Unity and Awareness Day, November 8 in Oxnard, will meet on September 30 to finalize plans and review material.

B. Child Care Task Force

Commissioners Hubbell and Witting participated in a panel for Channel Islands BPW. Their discussion centered on child care and new legislation relating to child care, child support and enforcement.

Commissioner Engel will participate in a forum on October 1 in Thousand Oaks at which employers will discuss employer-assisted child care options, including the formation of a child care consortium.

C. Family Law Task Force

Bonnie Warrington announced the Family Law Forum will be at Moorpark College on Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

D. Housing Task Force

Karen Flock reported that the Meiners Oaks housing project, completed in January 1986, has 35 units for Section 8 housing for low income persons. There has been a foreclosure notice and other legal maneuverings and ownership of the project now is in question. Meanwhile, the project is vacant.

Moves are being made in the Thousand Oaks area to reduce the total number of units to be developed in the Dos Vientos project. That would mean a reduction in the total units available for low or moderate income housing.

Networking For Housing has established a blue-ribbon task force to seek ways to facilitate a low-income housing fund in Ventura County.

E. Counseling Task Force

Domestic Violence Services Monitoring - Commissioner Lillian Goldman reported on her meeting with Michele Fortney, Division Director of Crisis Services, and Sylvia Armitta, Coordinator of Shelter Services, for Interface: Children, Family Services of Ventura County. Information was provided on programs offered, paid and volunteer staff, and shelter services for battered women and their children. Funding for Interface's budget of \$219,000 comes from Public Social Services Agency (1/4 of total), a grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, United Way and donations and fundraisers.

Second-stage housing is needed to provide a place to go after leaving the shelter. Interface seeks community awareness of their programs in order to achieve greater financial and moral support.

X. Committee Reports

A. No Legislation report

- B. Dot Engel announced that the Legislative Round Table will meet on Wednesday, September 30, to hear Simi Valley Councilwoman Ann Rock talk about "Women and Running for Political Office."

A survey on current legislative activity has been mailed to roundtable participants and other organizations in order to provide information and avoid duplication of effort.

- C. Communications - No report

XI. No Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

- A. The commission voted to renew its membership in the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW).
- B. Co-chair Arleen Reetz resigned that position but will continue to serve as a commissioner.
A nominating committee of Sandy Ryder, Dot Engel, Lillian Goldman, Susan Witting, Tila Estrada, and Arleen Reetz (chair) was established.
- C. Commissioners requested a future presentation with updated information on the County's GAIN programs.

- XIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 17 at 9 a.m. at the Supt. of Schools' Conference Facility at the Camarillo Airport.