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VCCW General Meeting

Minutes –February 28, 2011

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DISTRICT I

Steve Bennett

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Linda Parks

DISTRICT III

Kathy Long

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DISTRICT V

John C. Zaragoza

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

DISTRICT I

Diana Goodrow

Ruth Funk

Vacancy

DISTRICT II

Lee Riggan

Suzi Caron

Amy Walker-Davis

DISTRICT III

Nancy Lee Phillips

Elvia Guizar

Vacancy

DISTRICT IV

Jan Lawrence

Shanté Morgan-

Durisseau

Debra Bagley

DISTRICT V

Ina Howard

Carmen Hurd

Vacancy

A regular meeting of the Ventura County Commission for Women was held at Camarillo Police Department, 3701 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010

Commissioner Chair Debra Bagley called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Commissioners present: Debra Bagley, Shanté Morgan-Durisseau, Ruth Funk, Diana Goodrow, Ina Howard, Carmen Hurd, Nancy Lee Phillips and Lee Riggan.

- Agenda adopted: moved by Comm. Goodrow, seconded by Comm. Hurd.
- Public Comment: CSUCI Sociology professor Dennis Downey and four of his students introduced themselves. Downey reviewed his class Capstone project which is to compile information on women and girls in Ventura County for the first comprehensive study of women and girls. He said Phase I of the project will pull together secondary data, census data, and information from organizations in Ventura County. The information will be compiled into a user-friendly document. Comm. Riggan asked Downey to record the budgets for county commissions and discern/compare the budgets of commissions with women. Comm. Goodrow explained that it was VCCW's job to make requests of the Board of Supervisors. Comm. Riggan said the report is an opportunity to promote opportunities on the commission and other places for women. She said the report will be for others to utilize. Comm. Downey said Phase I will skim the surface but Phase II might offer opportunity for more in-depth examination. The report will be completed by mid-May.
- Consent Calendar: approved moved by Comm. Phillips, seconded by Comm. Funk. Motion Passed
 - Minutes from January 17, 2011. Comm. Goodrow asked question about the minutes from the last meeting.
 - Treasurer's Report. Comm. Phillips reported that Chase Bank will start to charge monthly fees for maintaining account. She recommended the commission consider finding a new bank that does not charge or low cost. She asked for the item to be placed on next agenda. Comm. Goodrow also turned over \$5 cash to Comm. Phillips from the sale of a commission pin.
 - Correspondence Report. Comm. Goodrow gave a verbal report. She said Joyce Taylor from Supervisor Kathy Long's office called to verify meeting date and location. Comm. Goodrow called Ms. Taylor back.

Chair Report:

Letter to Commissioners, Board of Supervisors: regarding appointments to VCCW- Commissioner Bagley said she has been busy. She said the letter was in progress. She recommended that the commission put welcome packets together for new/potential candidates. Comm. Riggan volunteered to put the packets together. Comm. Durisseau said she thought packets had already been prepared. Comm. Goodrow said she would talk to former Comm. Janet Barron. Commissioners Riggan, Goodrow and Funk agreed to work on this project.

National Dialogue on Work Place Flexibility sponsored by the Women's Bureau, Dept. of Labor – Commissioners Bagley, Riggan and Goodrow attended. Riggan discussed how women are still the lowest paid. Women not allowed to take off work and problems with childcare. Comm. Bagley said she learned that more than 50 percent of women in the workplace. But many businesses are running on the 1950s model and not accommodating women and the needs of women including flexible work schedules and childcare. Comm. Riggan suggested the commission tell the stories of businesses that are successfully accommodating women.

Status of VCCW Website – Comm. Phillips said she has not been able to connect with Comm. Lawrence to transition maintenance of the website. Comm. Phillips said she will continue to update the website in the interim. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau will work with the website.

Committee Reports:

Status of Women and Girls Study – Morgan-Durisseau.

Noted presentation of CSUCI Sociology Prof. Dennis Downey during public comment. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau said the report is in progress.

Women's History Month/Proclamation – Hurd/Morgan-Durisseau.

Comm. Morgan-Durisseau spoke with Supervisor Linda Parks office confirmed VCCW invited to participate in proclamation presentation. She said AAUW Thousand Oaks will be the lead organization. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau unable to confirm VCCW's role and if we can invite other women's groups. Comm. Riggan agreed to contact the other appointees from District II and clarify the commission's role.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Month – April – Comm. Morgan-Durisseau

Comm. Morgan-Durisseau reported she received an email from Comm. DeVries but still not clear if she plans to organize presentation of play "Dirty Little Secrets." Comm. Goodrow said she spoke with Comm. DeVries who indicated she had some changes in cast but planned to do a production in May.

Women's Recognition Program – unable to work on this project. The commission may consider doing something in conjunction with the release of the Status of Women and Girls report.

Action items:

- Comm. Riggan moved/Comm. Funk seconded motion to change mailing address to 4601 Telephone Road, Suite 117, Ventura.
- Comm. Bagley moved/Durisseau seconded to spend \$25 to purchase half a table at the VC Women's Forum Collaborative. Comm. Bagley has agreed to donate \$25 to VCCW to cover the cost of a full table. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau will explore other groups to share the table.
- Comm. Riggan moved/Goodrow seconded to consider adoption of the revised Standing Rules.

Discussion/Information Items/Announcements –

- a. Comm. Hurd will contact Comm. Jan Lawrence about updating VCCW brochure, business cards. Speak with Comm. Lawrence regarding the history of the VCCW pins. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau will develop a calendar with Women's History Month events for March.
- b. Comm. Morgan-Durisseau reported that Supervisor Linda Parks asked the commission to consider doing a report before the Board of Supervisors to update the

board on projects, accomplishments. Comm. Phillips suggested VCCW prepare a presentation in conjunction with release of Status of Women and Girls report.

- c. Comm. Goodrow asked to be forwarded information about CSUCI's Women's Recognition luncheon.
- d. Comm. Hurd asked about ethics training Comm. Bagley said she will resend the information.

Upcoming Events:

Meeting adjourned: Phillips moved/Riggan seconded the motion at 9:37 p.m.

Approved as Printed: _____ Corrected: _____

Shanté Morgan-Durisseau, Secretary

VCCW - ATTENDANCE

February 28, 2011

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
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1. Debra Bagley	P		
2. Suzi Caron	A		
3. S. M. Durisseau	P		
4. Ruth Funk	P		
5. Diana Goodrow	P		
6. Elvia Guizar	A		
7. Ina Howard	P		
8. Carmen S. Hurd	P		
9. Jan Lawrence	A		
10. Nancy Lee Phillips	P		
11. Lee Riggan	P		
12. Amy Walker-Davis	A		

Total