

VENTURA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

3161 Loma Vista Road
Ventura, California
93003

MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 1984

The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall of Fillmore and was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Co-Chair Erin Sheffield.

I. Attendance records show the following:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mary Baird
Alicia Ramirez-Brewer
Ray Clayton
Dot Engel
Brook Hubbell
Maggie Mireles
Jo Anne Le Fils-Moore
Sandra Ryder
Erin Sheffield
Martha White

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:

Lauren Anderson
Ginny Connell
Louise Grethel
Mary Jane Johns

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Tila Estrada

Guests included: Bonnie Warrington, Lee Anderson and Julie Elliott.

The Commission for Women was pleased to welcome Martha White, recently appointed to the Commission by Supervisor John Flynn, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ida Richardson. Ms. White has a long history of involvement with issues of importance to women; she has been active in the Urban League, the NAACP and other community organizations. She is employed at Pt. Mugu.

We're glad to have you on the Commission, Martha.

II. The Minutes of May 12, 1984 were accepted as submitted.

III. Executive Secretary's Report

Incoming Correspondence from:

- .the state Commission on the Status of Women requesting assistance in developing a directory of Hispanic women.
- .the California Dept. of Corrections with an information packet re: careers as a correctional officer.
- .John Vasconcellos, Assemblyman 23rd Dist., with a copy of an editorial by him re: the gender gap.
- .the City of Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women announcing a Conference on Comparable Worth in September and inviting our participation.

Incoming correspondence (cont'd)

- . Superintendent of County Schools Office to the Women's History Week Task Force announcing the Summer Workshop for teachers.
- . National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) re: the national convention in Washington, D.C., the Executive Directors meeting in Pasadena and a copy of the proposed resolutions for the 1984 Convention.
- . the LA County Commission for Women thanking us for the KISS brochure and Symposium Proceedings.
- . Sheepfold Ministries, Inc. re: efforts to establish a shelter in Ventura County for homeless women and their children.
- . Sen. Alan Cranston to Ginny Connell re: legislation on issues related to women.

Correspondence to:

- . Judy Wong thanking her for her contribution and sponsorship of the newsletter.
- . Cliff Rodrigues, Coordinator of Summer Workshop for Teachers, Exhibits, confirming the participation of the Women's History Week Task Force.

Commissioners expressed an interest in hearing more about Sheepfold efforts and directed staff to invite their representative, Barbara Salgado, to attend the July meeting.

IV. There was no financial report.

V. Committee Reports

A. Friends of the Commission

Lee Anderson reported that the dinner meeting on June 28 is the main focus for the Friends at this time. She encouraged support and attendance by the Commissioners, and stressed that the dinner will be an opportunity to let people know about the Commission, about the Friends, and to make the Friends into a viable, effective organization.

Lee emphasized the spirit of cooperation with other women's organizations.

B. Child Care Committee

Dot Engel reported that the Committee has received a copy of Employer Supported Child Care, a book co-authored by Sandy Burud who was one of the speakers at the Commission's Working Parents Symposium.

Sandy Ryder, Commission Publicity Chair, will prepare a press release regarding the Proceedings of the Symposium,

Child Care Committee (cont'd)

the KISS brochure and the availability of expertise within the Commission on employer-assisted child care. She will also arrange interviews with Commissioners Baird and Hubbell.

Brook Hubbell reported that the county child care needs assessment committee had had a long meeting with CAO analyst, Clinton Tatum. There is great interest on the part of county employees regarding the needs assessment and the results of that survey now being tabulated and analyzed. Dr. Hubbell emphasized that it is important to recognize the great effort on the part of many county employees who are working on the project and it is also important that all county employees get feedback information on the results of the survey as soon as it is available.

Dot Engel reported on a meeting with Lee Ingrahm, a representative from Sen. Gary Hart's Sacramento office, on proposed "latch-key" legislation.

S1718 would provide money for programs to provide before- and after-school care in existing school facilities.

S1620 would provide the rules and regulations for the providers of the services.

It is important to keep tabs on the progress of this legislation on the state level and also on federal legislation which has been introduced.

S1555 would establish the California Adolescent Family Life Act to provide case management and coordination of community support services for pregnant adolescents and teenage parents. Using a San Francisco Hospital program as a model, services could include parenting classes, prenatal programs and other programs to help keep these young people in school.

Fact sheets re: SB1555 and the latchkey bills will be included in the Commissioners minutes packets. Others interested in obtaining this information may call the Commission office to request copies. 654-3109, M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Co-Chair Jo Anne Moore noted that this Commission had served as advisors to Sen. Hart's staff in his initial planning and investigation re: the "latchkey" bills.

Assemblyman Tom Mc Clintock has introduced A3924 which would require all family day-care homes to either possess liability and medical insurance, or possess affidavits by parents that they are aware that the provider does not have insurance. Engel questions what effect this would have on day-care providers? How would it affect the cost of day-care? Suggests close evaluation of this bill.

C. Communications

The June-July issue of the newsletter has been printed and mailed. It contains an inserted form for nominations for the "Salute to Women" Awards.

D. Domestic Violences Services - No report.

E. Needs Assessment Steering Committee

Alicia Ramirez-Brewer reported that the steering committee met on June 13. As a result of that meeting Ramirez-Brewer recommended that the Commission maintain their position as an advisory commission and promote the needs assessment project to the Board of Supervisors based on the task clusters and time line presented at the Commission meeting last month.

Ramirez-Brewer commented that the Commission needs to develop a plan for connecting with private industry and for making information from the needs assessment useful to that sector. Input from the Board of Supervisors would be helpful.

The Commission on Human Concerns is planning to hire a half-time project planner. Ramirez-Brewer suggested investigating the possibility of securing matching funds in order to make that planner's position a full-time one in which half the time would be spent on the CHC projects and half the time on the joint needs assessment. Maggie Mireles will investigate the possibility of applying for revenue sharing funds for that purpose.

Dot Engel suggested contacting El Concilio as one means of connecting with private industry.

F. Legislative Analysis

Each Commissioner received a copy of the NACW Legislative Alert.

JoAnne Moore asked that the Commission submit a letter to Gov. Deukmejian supporting the inclusion of the funds for salary adjustments based on comparable worth in the state budget. Commission agreed and staff was directed to send such a letter.

G. Minority Women's Task Force

Maggie Mireles represented the Commission for women at a meeting on May 23 led by Kay Senior during which needs of minorities in Ventura County were discussed. No plan of action was developed. Dot Engel suggested establishing a more formal relationship with the Urban League to clarify roles in the Minority Affairs Coalition formed by Senior. Mireles and Commissioner White will make this contact.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. "Salute to Women" awards

The nominating form has been distributed in the newsletter. The Awards Selection Committee will meet after this meeting to set a date in early October to make the selections. The Committee consists of: Alicia Ramirez-Brewer, Maggie Mireles, Brook Hubbell, JoAnne Moore.

B. Annual Report

Drafts of the report were submitted by staff for review. The final report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 3.

VII. New Business

A. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dot Engel, reported having a partial slate of officers to present at the July meeting: Co-Chairs, Alicia Ramirez-Brewer and Dot Engel; Treasurer, Maggie Mireles. Still need a nominee for the position of Secretary.

B. NACW Region IX Conference

Ginny Connell attended on Friday. Co-chair JoAnne Moore attended the conference on Saturday as part of the leadership for a workshop during which she discussed the development of The Friends of the Commission. She reported that the idea of the Friends was accepted on two different levels.

The majority of those present believed the Friends was a really good idea and one that would prove to be helpful and effective, and wondered if a formal guide could be developed and printed for the formation and organization of such groups for other commissions.

A few believed the Friends would negate the need for continued official support from the Supervisors.

C. Future Meetings

The following is a list of scheduled regular monthly meetings and locations. Meetings are from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

July 21 - Thousand Oaks Library
1401 E. Janss Rd.
Thousand Oaks
August - No meeting.
Sept. 15 - Camarillo Library
3100 Ponderosa Dr., Camarillo
Oct. 20 - Santa Paula Savings & Loan
302 El Paseo Rd., Ojai

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VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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