

**CITY OF GLENDALE
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Regular Minutes of the
March 12, 2007 Meeting**

1. ROLL CALL

Chair Kerlin called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT Devine, Kerlin, Koontz, Nahabedian, Walker (640pm), Yim
ABSENT Tribunyan
STAFF Cordova, Haddad, Varpetian

Ms. Haddad read into the record that the Agenda for the March 12, 2007 meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of City Hall on or before March 9, 2007.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Ms. Elaine Panlaqui, Glendale High School and the Yin Yangs Presentation: Update on Activities Since J8

The “Junior 8” Summit project (J8) met in St. Petersburg, Russia during the week of July 16, 2006. The first J8 took place in July 2005 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The summit gives children the opportunity to form a group of representatives that present the views of youth on global modern problems to the leaders of the “Group of Eight” (G8). Topics for discussion at the J8 are selected on a basis of priorities set by the country presiding at the G8, the main topics chosen were Education, Infectious Diseases, Tolerance and Energy Security. The students are between the ages of 13 & 17 from each G8 country. The majority of the countries organized contests in which school teams participated, the winning schools gained the right to delegate their students to St. Petersburg.

Various students came up to the podium and described their individual experiences. Each student was proud and honored to have been one of the eight that were chosen to participate in the summit. They have come back with enthusiasm to inform the community about youth and solving world problems. The students and their teachers thanked the CSW for inviting them to the Commission meeting to share.

3. ORAL COMMENT

None

4. CONSENT ITEMS

None

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Action Items

1. Consideration and discussion of Joint Educational Forums for Women with Armenian National Committee

Ms. Haddad informed the Commission that she met with the staff from the Armenian National Committee. They discussed items of importance to the immigrant community and

came up with a list that they would like to collaborate with the Commission. They are Paths To College, First Time Home Buyer Program/Housing Issues, Legal Citizenship, Immigrant Women's Issues, and Employment/Working With Vjc.

Motion that the Commission and the Glendale Armenian National Committee collaborate on women's issues forum as listed above.

Motion – Nahabedian
4-0-0

Second – Devine

2. Update on Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Activities

Eliza Karagezian, YWCA Volunteer Coordinator, spoke regarding April 2007 upcoming events. The YWCA and Commission are collaborating on 2nd Annual Take Back the Night Rally and March and Clothesline Project Exhibit scheduled for April 27, 2007 from 430-630 pm.

Motion that Commission move forward regarding SAAM Activities

Motion – Devine
4-0-0

Second – Nahabedian

In 2006, the Commission organized a Denim Day in Glendale fundraiser, "Dollars for Denim". Approximately \$1,200 was donated to Peace Over Violence. Staff is seeking direction from the Commission regarding Denim Day in LA activities for SAAM.

Motion to proceed with Denim Day in LA activities.

Motion – Nahabedian

Second – Koontz

Commissioner Walker arrived at 6:40 p.m.

3. CSW Master Calendar of Events

This is the monthly return of the Master Calendar to the CSW. The Commission may, at its discretion, add, delete or revise any dates included in the calendar.

Inclusions are the following: Paint The Town Purple on May 1st, Kick Off for Relay to Life on May 2nd, and Denim Day in LA on April 25th.

Motion to approve the Master Calendar with the above inclusions.

Motion – Koontz
4-0-0

Second – Devine

B. Reports—Information Only

1. Program Budget Report

As of March 7, 2007, there has been a total of \$17,575.00 received for the Jewels of Glendale 2007 sponsorships. Total door receipts and expenses have not been calculated yet; however, a full report will be presented to the Commission at a future meeting after all receipts have been received and accounted for.

The sponsorship for Bras for A Cause has been requested in the amount of \$500.00.

The total balance of the CSW Program Budget as of March 7, 2007 is \$27,133.93.

6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Devine gave special thanks to Assemblymember Krekorian, City Council and various city officials for their attendance and support to the CSW's Jewels of Glendale 2007 event. Also thanked was the evening's guest speaker Kathy Kinney and master of ceremonies Ardashes Kassakhian. The event wouldn't have been a success without the help of the sponsors, restaurants, Commissioners and staff.

Each Commissioner gave their thanks to the Event Chair Devine, the community and the businesses.

Chair Kerlin thanked Event Chair Devine for all of her hard work on making the event a success. She also thanked staff for their work behind the scenes. Chair Kerlin also mentioned that she attended the Los Angeles County Commission for Women (LACCW) meeting and would like to support them next year.

Commissioner Nahabedian informed the audience that March is Women's History Month and that in 1920 the right to vote was given to women. She urges everyone, but especially women to participate in the local election.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Motion – Devine

4-0-0

Second – Walker