

**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 9, 2007**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Nahabedian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vice-Chair Nahabedian informed the audience that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month.

PRESENT: Devine, Kerlin <6:47, Koontz, Nahabedian, Tribunyan, Walker, Yim,

ABSENT:

STAFF: Cordova, Haddad, Varpetian

Ms. Haddad read into the record that the Agenda for the April 9, 2007 meeting posted on the Bulletin Board outside of City Hall on or before April 6, 2007.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Judith Sernas, Verdugo Jobs Center: Overview of VJC Services, State of California Grant for Disney Employees and Glendale Youth Alliance (Out of School, Older Students 19 – 21) Recruitment.**

Ms. Sernas started as manager for Verdugo Job Center in December 2006. She gave a presentation to the CSW on various services for adults/youth center. Funded thru the Workforce Investment Act and other special grants, the VJC is able to offer a variety of programs to the community. Services are at no cost to the resident. The youth programs are run by the Glendale Youth Alliance (GYA), which is geared to help youths with life skills such as: being responsible, money management, and developing work ethics. A new GYA program is geared to reaching “older youth,” young adults between 19 and 21 years of age. The VJC depends on word of mouth to get the information out among the students regarding their programs. Proof of citizenship is required at the time of registration. Weekly orientations are provided twice a week to describe the services available through the VJC.

CSW thanked Ms. Sernas for the informative presentation.

**3. ORAL COMMENT:**

None

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Commission Meeting held on February 12, 2007.

B. Approval of the minutes of Regular Commission Meeting held on March 12, 2007

Motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2007 and March 12, 2007.

Motion – Nahabedian

Second - Devine

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## 5. BUSINESS AGENDA

### A. Action Items

#### 1. Consideration and discussion of Appropriation of \$250.00 from CSW Program Budget Report to the Friends across Borders Club of Glendale High School to support the Think Blue! Campaign in support of UNICEF

More than \$2,000 was raised at the April 6, 2007 concert held by the Friends Across Borders Club. Commissioner Devine attended the event and she praised the club and performers for all of their hard work.

Chair Kerlin suggested this item be on the agenda, she feels that the CSW should support and invest in the Friends across Borders Club. Commissioners also feel that this would allow leadership skills, also good opportunity to invest in youth, international campaign but Glendale High students are involved, children helping children. Chair Kerlin requested that students continue to bring updates to the CSW.

Motion to appropriate \$250.00 for the *Friends across Borders* Club of Glendale High School

Motion – Devine  
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Second - Koontz

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

Sponsors for the Take Back the Night on April 27, 2007 are Glendale ANC, Glendale ARS, Glendale Water & Power, and Parks, Recreation & Community Services, and the Ani and Narod Memorial Foundation. Other events for the month of April include Denim Day in LA on April 25, 2007, and My Strength Campaign the week of April 9-13, 2007. Other agencies have been invited to also have Information Tables at the Take Back the Night event.

The YWCA also will be presenting “Pomegranate Whiskey,” a one-woman cabaret at the Glendale YWCA on April 20, 2007. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door and can be purchased by calling 818-241-4155 x227.

Motion Appropriating up to \$500.00 for SAAM Activities

Motion – Devine  
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Second – Koontz

#### 3. Update on Cut It Out Program Implementation

At the February 2007 regular meeting, the CSW adopted the Cut it Out program as the next major initiative to raise awareness in the city to issues of domestic violence. At this time, the Cut It Out program has received the official endorsement of California Senator Jack Scott, Assembly member Paul Krekorian, and the Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley.

Anticipated press conference for this event is on June 1, 2007 and presentation to City Council May 2007. The Glendale database of salons is complete, template invitation letters are being drafted, and volunteers are being recruited to personally contact salons and owners.

No motion taken

**4. Consideration and approval of reception for California Commission on the Status of Women (CCSW) Chair, Ms. Holly Mitchell.**

Motion to approve the reception for CCSW Chair.

Motion – Koontz

Second - Walker

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Motion appropriating up to \$200.00 budget for anticipated reception costs.

Motion – Devine

Second – Walker

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**5. CSW Master Calendar of Events**

Add: Reception for California Commission Chair Holly Mitchell on May 4, 2007.

Motion providing direction regarding the Master Calendar

Motion – Devine

Second – Koontz

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**B. Reports—Information Only**

**1. Program Budget Report**

Staff is in the process of reconciling the budget, there will be a detailed report at the May 2007 meeting.

**6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

**Devine** reminded the audience that this weekend is the Soroptimist event “Bras for a Cause.” Funds raised go to Glendale hospitals and other local service agencies to improve the lives of women and children. Other events coming up are “Paint the Town Purple” on May 1 and the “Relay for Life Kickoff” on May 2 at the Alex Theatre.

**Nahabedian** invited the public to the City of Glendale’s Man’s Inhumanity to Man on April 18, 2007, a blood drive at St. Mary’s, and the Armenian Genocide event at the Alex theatre on April 24, 2007.

**Walker** congratulated Nahabedian for her election to the Glendale Unified School Board. She reminded the audience that April 28, 2007 is the Wellness Walk for Education at GUSD parking lot.

**Tribuynan** congratulated Nahabedian on her election to the school board.

**Haddad** commented that April 26, 2007 is “Take Your Sons/Daughters to Work Day”

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.