

**COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2007**

**MINUTES**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chair Devine called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Vice-Chair Devine, on behalf of the CSW, congratulated Chair Kerlin on the birth of her son.

PRESENT: Devine, Koontz, Manasserian, Sowby, Walker, Yim

ABSENT: Kerlin, Tribunyan

STAFF: Haddad, Varpetian

Ms. Haddad read into the Agenda that the August 13, meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of City Hall on or before August 10, 2007.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

A. Ms. Elizabeth Manasserian, Commissioner

Vice-Chair Devine introduced Commissioner Manasserian by reading a brief bio. Commissioner Manasserian is a 25 year resident of the City of Glendale, a graduate of USC and she is very active in the community by serving on several boards in the city. She is a member of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Glendale YMCA, and Glendale Rotary. She is active in the PTA Council and the PTSA.

B. Ms. Ruth Sowby, Commissioner

Vice-Chair Devine also read a brief bio introducing Commissioner Sowby. She also is a graduate of USC. Currently she is a professor of English at Glendale Community College and at DeVry University. She has a Doctorate in English and also an extensive background in media.

Commissioners Manasserian and Sowby expressed their appreciation and excitement on being chosen to the Commission. They are looking forward to providing help to the community via the Commission's work on several projects.

C. Introduction of Student ex Officio Commissioners for 2007-2008

Ms. Joanna Yim introduced Susie Keyvanian and Elaine Panlaqui to the CSW. Both are seniors at Glendale High School and very involved in school issues. Ms. Keyvanian is interested in the increased involvement of young women in the community. Ms. Panlaqui, represented the United States at the Jr. G8 Summit in St. Petersburg Russia.

Ms. Keyvanian and Ms. Panlaqui thanked the CSW for the opportunity to serve youth in the community; they are looking forward to the upcoming year.

**3. ORAL COMMENT**

None

**4. CONSENT ITEMS**

A. Approval of the minutes of Special Commission Meeting held on July 16, 2007. The Minutes were moved to September 10, meeting due to lack of quorum for approval.

**5. BUSINESS AGENDA**

A. Action Items

1. Update on Cut It Out! Program Implementation.

Tentative date for a press conference is being arranged for September 13 at a salon in Eagle Rock to serve as a launch for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Attendees include Glendale Mayor Najarian, Supervisor Gloria Molina, LA County District Attorney Steve Cooley, and LA City Councilmember Eric Garcetti. CSW members are welcome to attend.

Ms. Haddad read a brief symposium of the program for the record.

No motion

2. CSW Master Calendar of Events

The CSW has an opportunity to participate in the upcoming Maple Park and Mariposa Neighborhood Festival on September 15, from 11am to 2pm. This is in collaboration with the Neighborhood Services Division of the Department of Community Development & Housing, and Parks, Recreation & Community Services.

CSW could distribute the give-away, raise awareness for the Hands and Words are Not For Hurting Project and resource guides.

Motion to add the Mariposa Neighborhood Festival on September 15 to the Master Calendar and that the CSW Commissioners participate in the event.

Motion – Manasserian

Second – Koontz

Commissioners and staff volunteered for blocks of time to help at the Mariposa Neighborhood Festival to promote the CSW's projects.

B. Reports – Information Only

1. Update on Rosie Goes to Wall Street Program

Ms. Haddad gave a brief background on the program. Staff informed the CSW that several program adjustments have been incorporated into the design of the second session.

Vice-Chair Devine read positive comments from the Communication Form that participants filled out at the end of the first session program.

2. Program Budget Report

The total balance of the CSW Program Budget (9315) as of August 8, 2007 of \$28,144.84

**6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

Current Commissioners welcomed the new Commissioners and new Student Ex-Officios; they looked forward to the upcoming year.

Vice-Chair Devine presented SEO Yim a Certificate of Appreciation and flowers on behalf of the Commission. SEO Yim was thanked for her various viewpoints and participation in several CSW projects. She was also congratulated on her scholarship.

SEO Yim thanked the CSW for the opportunity of participating, commented that each Commissioner would be good role models for the new SEO's.

Koontz informed the audience to wear the color teal on September 7, in awareness of the fight against cancer.

Vice-Chair Devine expressed the community's loss of Rabbi Carole Meyers on her untimely death from bone cancer. Also mentioned was Glendale Adventist's Cancer Services "Lights, Camera & Fight Cancer" event and the upcoming Relay for Life.

Vice-Chair Devine wished Ms. Elaine Aguilar, Assistant City Manager luck on her new position as City Manager for the City of Sierra Madre. Ms. Aguilar was instrumental in the Commission on the Status of Women's organization.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm

Motion – Sowby

Second – Walker