



Final
Approved at the NOV 08 Meeting of the
Commission on the Status of Women

CITY OF GLENDALE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2008, 6:30 pm

City Hall, Council Chambers, 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Glendale, CA 91206

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm on October 13, 2008.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Devine, Kerlin, Ketefian (6:40pm), Lemelle, Manasserian, Panlaqui, Sowby, Walker

ABSENT: Keyvanian

STAFF: Haddad, Varpetian

III. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

A. The Agenda for the October 13, 2008 meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of City Hall on or before October 10, 2008.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Sara Rondon-Leek spoke regarding the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Domestic Violence Project, a resource to assist victims of domestic violence in filling out legal paperwork for filing a restraining order and obtaining referrals to support services.

B. Glendale Public Library: One Book, One Glendale 2008

C. Wanda Wheeler, Glendale Memorial Medical Center, Marcia Ray Breast Center Supervisor & Chief Technologist: Ms. Wheeler gave an informative presentation regarding prevention and breast self exam as part of an awareness drive for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

V. ORAL COMMENT: Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Time is limited to an amount to be set by the Chair. The Commission may question or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or discussion. Staff may refer the matter to the proper department for investigation and report.

A. Elizabeth Sadlon/Lauren Rauscher – Girls on the Run

B. Sharon Weisman – Glendale Peace and Social Justice Advocates

C. Liza Boubari – InnerSite, Heal Within

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Commission Meeting held on September 8, 2008.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion – Manasserian

Second – Ketefian

Unanimous Consensus

VII. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Action Items

1. Consideration and Discussion of UNIFEM "Just Say No to Violence" Campaign and the Treaty for Women's Rights (formally called UN Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)

a. Motion to formally join the UNIFEM "Just Say No to Violence" Campaign.

Motion – Devine

Second – Lemelle

Unanimous Consensus

b. Motion recommending that City Council Adopt a Resolution in support of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Motion – Devine

Second – Lemelle

Ayes: Devine, Kerlin, Lemelle, Sowby, Walker

Noes: Ketefian, Manasserian

Abstentions: None

Motion Passes: 5-2-0

2. Consideration and Discussion of Jewels of Glendale Task Lead Responsibilities and Assignments
 - a. No Motion, Work Assignments: The following commissioners are assigned to each respective Task Assignment as Lead for Jewels of Glendale 2008
 - (i) Event Co-Chairs – Lemelle, Walker
 - (ii) Swag/Giveaway Lead– Kerlin
 - (iii) Opportunity Drawing/Silent Auction Lead – Sowby
 - (iv) Volunteer Recruitment/Coordination Lead – Ketefian
 - (v) Speaker/Talent Lead – Devine
 - (vi) Sponsorship Lead - Manasserian

 3. Consideration and Discussion of Student Ex Officio Search and Committee Appointments for 2008-2009
 - a. Motion Appointing Commissioners Ruth Sowby and Grace Walker as Committee Members to Student Ex Officio Appointment Committee

Motion: Devine Second: Manasserian

Unanimous Consensus

 4. CSW Master Calendar of Events
 - a. Motion approving Master Calendar as amended

Motion: Devine Second: Manasserian

Unanimous Consensus
- B. Reports—Information Only
1. Update on Strategic Planning Committee Actions of September 2008 – Ms. Haddad provided a snapshot of the Strategic Planning Committee Update and notified the CSW that the first draft will be returning to the CSW in December.
 2. Update on Dollars and Sense Salon (9/24/08) – Ms. Haddad thanked the four CPAs (Steven Duben, Margo Katz, Rebecca Robins, Micheal Velasquez) who volunteered their time. Evaluations of the event (40% return rate) showed satisfaction and rated the event highly. The fiscal impact was \$153.00 (refreshments) to the CSW.
 3. Update on Program Development for the Girls on the Run - Ms. Haddad noted that the staff is continuing to expand the Girls on the Run program to the 4 target sites. Staff

VIII. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Ketefian thanked the CSW for a stimulating conversation and analysis of the items on the agenda.
- B. Lemelle thanked the three presenters and noted that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- C. Devine congratulated the Glendale Relay for Life for raising over \$125,000. She also thanked Constantino Delli, author of The Way, for being the guest speaker at the first Leadership Circle. This month’s Leadership Circle will be part of the Vigil Against Violence. Devine also attended the Fireman’s Award Luncheon and spoke to the tremendous collective effort it took to save a life. Devine also spoke to the Ready, Set, VOTE! Forum and reminded everyone to get a mammogram and vote!
- D. Manasserian also spoke to the Ready, Set, VOTE! event and invited the public to attend future events as she learned a lot about the measures. She congratulated the winners of the Armenian-American Chamber Woman of the Year Award. Manasserian also invited the public to attend the Ghapan Sister City reception at the Alex Theatre on October 22, free admission.
- E. Sowby mentioned that it is good to seek divergent opinions.
- F. Walker thanked the League of Women Voters for their participation in the Ready, Set, VOTE! She also thanked Vicki McConnell for the Artist’s Reception and ART AS HEALING Exhibit. Walker reported on the Filipino American Business Association of Glendale (FABAG) October 8 mixer at Pacific BMW and thanked Mr. Nick Lam for hosting the event. She announced the public to attend the 4 You Network mixer on October 30 at the Color Me Mine in Montrose.
- G. Panlaqui thanked the CSW for the opportunity to be a student commissioner. AIDS Walk is Sunday and she encouraged
- H. Kerlin requested that the Los Angeles County Bar Association Domestic Violence Project be added to the CSW website to help our residents access the information and resource at the Pasadena Court.
- I. Haddad thanked the Student Commissioners for their service and congratulated Commissioner Sowby on her award. She also reminded the public regarding the screening at Glendale Community College of “Desperately Seeking Paul McCartney” on Friday, October 17.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26pm.