



Final
Approved at the MAY 09 Meeting of the
Commission on the Status of Women

**CITY OF GLENDALE CALIFORNIA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Regular Meeting
MINUTES
April 13, 2009, 6:30 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chair Devine who informed the viewers that the month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Devine, Goodman Pillsbury, Ketefian, Lemelle, Malakian, Manasserian, Marucut, Sowby, Walker.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Cordova, Haddad, Varpetian

A. The Agenda for the March 9, 2009 meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of City Hall on or before March 6, 2009.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Video: Speaker of the California Assembly, the Honorable Karen Bass
The Honorable Karen Bass congratulated the Jewels of Glendale winners, Dr. Juanita Watts and Louise Garside.

B. Tim Feeley, Sergeant, Glendale Police Department, Assaults Division: Sexual Assault in the City of Glendale

Sgt. Feeley, of the Glendale Police Violent Crimes Detail reported that the statistics have risen from 2007 to 2008 on sexual assaults. Most of the crimes that were committed were done by someone that knows the victim. Sgt. Feeley feels that people are more willing to call and report an assault now than in the past; this is due to educating the public about sexual crimes.

The Commission thanked him for his informative report.

C. Shira Tarrant, Ph.D. "Serious Talk about Men's Violence"

Dr. Tarrant is an instructor in Women's Gender at Cal State Long Beach, she has a Ph. D. in Political Science. Dr. Tarrant is a recognized author of several publications, frequently a speaker at different venues regarding this issue. Dr. Tarrant points out that "men's violence against women is a men's issue" and "men's sexual assault against women is a men's issue". In order to address the problem more effectively, the definition and vision of masculinity as violence needs to be revisited. She stresses that education is the key to solving some of the problem.

3. ORAL COMMENT:

Camille Levee
Carol Ann Burton

4. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of the minutes of Regular Commission Meeting held on March 9, 2009.
Add Commissioner Lemelle to the list of “present” at the March 9, 2009 meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes with one revision.

Motion – Walker

Second – Manasserian

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5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Action Items

1. CSW Master Calendar of Events

Remove CSW hosting the ACCW meeting in May.

A motion to revise the calendar to reflect the above change.

Motion – Manasserian

Second – Lemelle

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2. Consideration and Approval of Sponsorship for National Vigil for Hope.

Dr. Kathie Mathis, West Coast Co-Chair of the National Vigil for Hope requested the CSW’s support to help purchase butterflies that will be released at the event.

Motion to sponsor \$250 and up to \$500; staff to return with other funding opportunities for CSW.

Motion – Goodman Pillsbury

Second – Manasserian

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3. Consideration and Approval of regarding Sponsorship of City of Glendale “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day” 2009

Motion to sponsor the event in the amount of \$500.

Motion – Ketefian

Motions dies

Motion to sponsor the event in the amount of \$250.

Motion – Lemelle

Second – Walker

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B. Reports—Information Only

1. Update on Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activities 2009

Staff read the report for the record.

Student Ex-Officios were thanked for their hard work and ideas regarding this project.

6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioners congratulated the newly elected Councilmember Laura Friedman, and re-elected officials Ara Najarian and Frank Quintero.

Goodman Pillsbury reported that PATH Achieve thanked the Commission for the generous donation of food from the Jewels of Glendale luncheon.

Chair Devine informed the CSW and audience of the upcoming genocide commemorative events throughout the city.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.