

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2009
City Hall, Tower, Room 550
11-12 noon

Members Present: Chata Alfaro (Support Network), Nora Campos (CSJ-D4), Pete Constant (CSJ-D1), Rebecca Garcia (CSJ-Housing Dept.), Doreen Morgan (CSJ-Senior Commission), Rolanda Pierre-Dixon (SCC- DA's Office) Steve Preminger (Working Partnerships), Dan Rodriguez (Sheriff's Office), Wiggy Sivertsen (San Jose State University),

Members Absent: Ray Avalos (SJPD-Family Violence Center), Eve Castellanos (CSJ-CMO), Christine Hagion-Rzepka (The Ripple Effect), Ayesha Haider (NISA), Cindi Hunter (Next Door), Ernest Kong (SJPD Family Violence Center), Kathleen Krenek (Next Door), Teresa Yu (AACI), Reshma Yunus (SEMAH)

Staff, Interested Parties, and Guests Present: Ernest Azevedo (CSJ-CMO), Yolanda Cervantes (CSJ-CMO), Steven Dick (SCC-DA's Office), Norberto Duenas (CSJ-CMO), Meghan Revolinsky (CSJ-D1)

The meeting convened at 11:14am

I. Approval of minutes from 10-22-08 meeting

- Minutes from the 10-22-08 meeting were received by the Board.

II. Discussion Items

1. New Business

A. Introduction of CM Pete Constant

Councilmember Pete Constant (D1), newly appointed Advisory Board co-chair was formally introduced to the Board by Councilmember and co-chair, Nora Campos (D5).

B. Domestic Violence Council General Update

Rolanda Pierre-Dixon of the SCC-DA's Office gave the Advisory Board an update of the issues being worked on by the DVC. She explained to the Board of developments surrounding "U-Visas". She explained that these Visas would aid undocumented women living in the United States, who are victims of domestic violence. The Visa would allow the women to apply for permanent residency. In addition, she informed the Board that that the DVC's next meeting would be held at 8 am on Wednesday, February 11th at Next Door.

C. Domestic Violence Council Retreat

Rolanda Pierre-Dixon updated the Advisory Board on the events of the DVC's Retreat. She explained that at the retreat the Council worked on developing its workplan. The workplan includes focusing on children and the effect of the country's current economic situation (e.g. lay-offs) and its correlation to domestic violence.

D. City of San Jose Budget Update

Norberto Duenas, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the City's current budget situation. Norberto informed the Advisory Board on the City's most recent budget activities aimed at engaging the community in the City's budget process. In addition, he gave highlights of the most recent budget presentation given by the Budget Director to City Council. Norberto also made the Board aware of key dates found on the City's budget calendar. In addition, Norberto noted that the release of the \$500,000 DV RFP is being re-evaluated in the context of the City Manager's Office budget reduction targets.

E. Action Items

None.

III. Announcements/Public Comments

- Norberto Duenas, Deputy City Manager informed the Board that Eve Castellanos, the City's Domestic Violence Coordinator, is scheduled to return from maternity leave on March 2, 2009.
- Steve Preminger announced a DV event to take place at SJSU, April 7, 2009.
- Chata Alfaro of the Support Network informed the Advisory board of her agency's name change from Support Network for Battered Women to the Support Network.
- Rebecca Garcia of the City of San Jose's Housing Department announced that the Housing Department had just completed its homeless census count.
- Wiggys Sivertsen of SJSU asked Norberto Duenas if the City could develop an informational campaign that addresses current economic tensions and how these tensions may be expressed in their personal life for City employees.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:51