

Meeting Minutes

Domestic Violence Commission

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

Boys & Girls Club of the Valley

300 E Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85225



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Codkind at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair LaTisha Codkind

Commissioner Beth Brizel

Commissioner Jaime Fernandez

Commissioner Aleshia Fessel

Commissioner Chelsea Grieve

Commissioner Salina Imam

Commissioner Michael Morris

Megan Perez (Back up for Aleshia Fessel non-voting member)

Staff Attendance

Katie Cain – Staff Liaison/Chandler Victim Services

Absent - Excused

Vice Chair Dawn Curtis

Commissioner Samantha Hinchey

Commissioner Ruth Tan Lim

Commissioner Sharon Tipton

Guest

Lizette Roeder – Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Scheduled Public Appearances

None

Unscheduled Public Appearances

None

Action Agenda and Discussion

1. Motion to approve DV Commission Minutes of January 8, 2025
Motion: Commissioner Brizel
Seconded: Chair Codkind
Unanimous approval, 7-0
2. Motion to approve DV Commission Subcommittee Minutes of January 8, 2025
Motion: Commissioner Grieve
Seconded: Commissioner Imam
Unanimous approval, 7-0
3. Motion to approve the 2024 DV Commission Annual Report reviewed January 8, 2025
Motion: Commissioner Brizel
Seconded: Commissioner Morris
Unanimous approval, 7-0

Discussion

1. Boys and Girls Club – discussed details about teen outreach and rock painting activity held today, February 12 - verifying activities and times for participation with staff. A portion of Rock Painting will be given to Serenity Garden at My Sister's Place.
2. International Mother Language Day Celebration 2025 on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Tumbleweed Park in Chandler. Details regarding time slots to be filled with Commission for representation.
3. Domestic Violence Awareness Event 2025- Sept. 23, 2025 at Avion Center in Chandler
Topic – Technology use, abuse and empowerment to safeguard, technology experts, share trainings available. Professional speaker Alex Palacios from ACESDV has agreed to be our speaker. Commissioner Perez is looking into the training and will help be the advisor with this event. Lizette Roeder will also be an advisor with this committee topic.
4. Domestic Violence Community Outreach Subcommittee – Updates for Teen Dating Violence Healthy Relationships we need to kick off conversations with Chandler Schools, still waiting on response from schools and superintendent. Katie Cain also checking with ACP social worker.
5. Domestic Violence Community Outreach Subcommittee – Mental Health Resource Awareness Fair, Semicolon Society is putting on their own so we will be joining them
Commissioner Tipton will be the contact for this in May of 2025.

6. Proclamation for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month was read at City Council Meeting February 3, 2025 and was well received. Add to end of year report that the City Council is continuing to support us with this initiative.

Member Comments/Announcements

Invite Vice Mayor to speak at the next meeting to answer questions and concerns the DV Commissioners have as a Commission regarding the pause of Federal grant funds – on the agenda write “Bridging the gap between the City and services being offered to survivors in the City of Chandler.”

Have a Commission member write something on City Website on importance of connections, resources and healthy relationships these are the barriers survivors are experiencing. Katie will contact the City PIO to be added as a voting item for next meeting. Asking commissioners to keep track of impacts they are finding.

Calendar

Next Regular Domestic Violence Committee meeting on March 12, 2025
at 9:00 a.m. City Council Chambers Conference Room.

Next Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting on February 12, 2025
at 10:00 a.m. Boys & Girls Club of the Valley

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.



Katie Cain, Staff Liaison



LaTisha Codkind, Chair