

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

**B. Roll Call**

Chair Molly Casey called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Kelly Alexander, Debra D'Amico, Molly Casey, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, and Noemi Torres.

Absent: Stephanie Cubba

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and John Erickson, Recording Secretary.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 28, 2015 and Boardmember Sutton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Stephanie Harker, Rent Stabilization Commissioner, spoke about the upcoming Rent Stabilization Seminars and encouraged people to attend and that she was happy to see the United States Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality and hopes that an equal rights amendment for women will be next.

**IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

The Board reviewed their previous recommendations and requested more information from staff regarding housing and rent stabilization related data.

**V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:**

**A. Legislation Review:**

Staff gave a brief report regarding pending state and federal bills for the Board to review and discuss.

**1. AB 909 (Quirk) Sexual Assault Crimes-**

Vice-Chair Salguero made a motion to recommend that the City Council officially support AB 909 (Quirk) -Sexual Assault Crimes bill ( a state bill that requires annual reporting regarding rape kit evidence testing to the Department of Justice) and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act-**

Stephanie Harker spoke in opposition to the anti-choice legislation and urged the Board to take action. Boardmember Torres made a motion to recommend that the City Council oppose the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act( A federal bill to ban abortion 20 weeks after fertilization except in cases of rape, incest for girls under 18, or if the mother's life is in danger.) and Boardmember Salguero seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Proposed Budget Cuts to Title X: The National Family Planning Program**

Boardmember Alexander made a motion to recommend that the City Council oppose the proposed budget cuts to Title X: The National Family Planning Program and Boardmember Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Brief updates regarding legislation the Board previously discussed and made recommendations about were shared. A list of the California Women's Law Center's legislative priorities was distributed to the Board.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26, 2015**

The subcommittee of Boardmembers Moore and Torres gave updates regarding planning for the annual Women's Equality Day event. Preliminary artwork for the "save the date" postcard and a list of potential speakers was reviewed by the Board. The Board agreed by consensus to start with a speaker shortlist consisting of Gloria Allred and her daughter Lisa Bloom, Ricki Lake and Amy Poehler.

**B. BOARD WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**

TABLED

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Co-sponsorship of Women In Film Speaker Series**

Maikiko James, Manager of Operations and Public Programs, Women In Film spoke to the Board about co-sponsoring Women In Film's Speaker Series. Boardmember Sutton made a motion that the Board officially co-sponsor the Women in Film Speaker Series and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. Association of California Commission for Women (ACCW) and National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Annual Meetings**

Vice-Chair Salguero reported to the Board that she had recently attended the Association of California Commission for Women (AACW) held in San Diego, CA on June 27<sup>h</sup> representing the WAB and gave a presentation about the work that the Board is doing to other women's commissions from across the state. The next

meeting of the ACCW will be held in Sacramento in January 2016 as part of the annual Women's Policy Summit.

**C. Procedures for Annual Election of Officers**

Staff reminded the Board about the annual election of officers scheduled for their July and provided information outlining the procedures.

**D. U. S. Postal Service Commemorative Stamp Dedication**

Boardmember Moore made a motion that the Board officially co-sponsor the U.S. Postal Service commemorative stamp dedication event honoring legendary actress Ingrid Bergman and Vice-Chair Salguero seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Staff will follow up with details regarding the activity.

**VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

Boardmember Torres reported that she attended the last Public Safety Commission's Meeting and that she will be attending future ones to connect about ways both bodies can work together on items of mutual interest.

**IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

Boardmember Sutton volunteered to report for the month of June.

**X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Young Women Subcommittee**

Boardmember D'Amico reported to the Board that a workshop about "Life Possibilities" is in the process of getting a space and that the facilitator is working with the City's Recreation Division and that she will be approaching the Board for official co-sponsorship once plans are finalized.

**2. Advocacy Training Project Workshops**

Boardmember Alexander stated that she will be attending the ATP workshop on "How to Advocate for Legislation" and the last ATP workshop on August 2<sup>nd</sup> titled "How to Get Appointed to a Board or Commission." All Boardmembers were encouraged to attend both sessions.

**3. 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONVERSATIONS 'BOUT THE GIRLS'**

Boardmember Torres reported that the Macha Theatre had been confirmed and that the dates for the performance will be October 23 at 8:00 pm; October 24 at 3:00 and 8:00 pm; and October 25 at 3:00 pm.

**XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember Alexander thanked the City for the recent budget presentation event and commended them on being steps ahead in regards to investing in their employee's retirements. She also stated that the U.S. Women's Soccer team beat Germany in the semi-final match and will be playing for the championship.

Boardmember Sutton said that the rally for marriage equality was a success and she was pleased with the outcome.

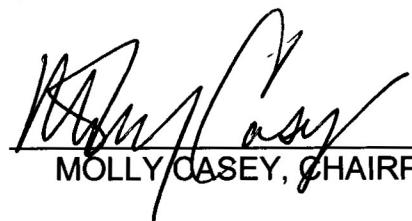
**XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, reported that staff will be providing the Board with the various reports that were given out at the recent Association of California Commission for Women (AACW) and the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) Annual Meetings in San Diego, CA so the Board can be up to date with what other bodies are doing across California.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:00 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at the Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Park Library, all located at 625 N. Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2015.

  
MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY