

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

*Location: Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069*

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Silvia Salguero called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

A. Administer the Oath of Office to New Boardmember:

Deputy to Mayor D'Amico, Michelle Rex, administered the Oath of Office to new Boardmember Debra D'Amico.

B. Roll Call:

Present: Carla Browning, Stephanie Cubba, Debra D'Amico, Tina Moore, Vice Chair Silvia Salguero, and Anne Toole

Absent: Chair Molly Casey and Noemi Torres

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and Shawn Christianson, Recording Secretary.

The Boardmember's briefly introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting of October 2, 2014. Vice Chair Salguero seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Meltzer, Vice President of the Board for the Friends of the West Hollywood Library, announced an upcoming event called the "Wonderful Age of Broadway" with Sonny Fox on November 8, 2014, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, in the Council Chambers and that it will be streamed live on WeHoTV.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Barbara Meltzer, President of Barbara Meltzer & Associates and advocate, discussed information regarding the needs of older women and ways to provide support, aging in place and ways to create an age-friendly city. She made suggestions regarding recreational programming. Boardmembers asked questions

and discussed the various topics. Boardmember Moore asked to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Board Special Televised Meeting on November 10, 2014

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for a televised meeting to be held on November 10, 2014 at 7pm at the City Council Chambers in West Hollywood Park. Boardmember Tina Moore recommended the domestic violence issues and discrepancies of statistics between the Sheriffs and NCJW/LA reports be considered as an item to discuss for the televised meeting.

B. National Women's History Month

The Board discussed program development for the City's annual National Women's History Month celebration during the month of March 2015. Topics included the annual Women In Leadership Awards & Reception, Women's History Month Banner programming and unveiling ceremony, International Women's Day, WAB Club: Women and Books and the Living the Legacy Lobby Display. Boardmembers discussed the idea of recognizing younger women on banners or through the Women In Leadership Awards as a way to engage younger participants. The Board agreed by consensus to submit banner honoree suggestions to staff prior to their December Board meeting. Staff gave a brief overview regarding the Women In Leadership Awards selection process. Vice Chair Salguero and Boardmember Sutton offered to serve on the Selection Committee which will meet in early January. Nomination criteria and the list of past honorees will be distributed to the Board. Boardmember Sutton suggested *The Confidence Code* as book for the WAB Club to read for Women's History Month. Boardmember Cubba suggested the idea of a women's art show as a way to address one of the suggested priorities in the Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood regarding the more arts and cultural programming for women. Boardmember Browning made a motion to form a sub-committee to develop the idea for a women's art exhibition. Boardmember Cubba seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to move forward with a sub-committee. Boardmember's Moore and Cubba offered to be on the sub-committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA Roe V. Wade Event

Roz Helfand representing the National Council of Jewish Women/LA presented information regarding plans for an event commemorating the 42nd anniversary of Roe v Wade called *Stories from the Frontline: Standing Together for Reproductive Rights*. NCJW/LA would like WAB and the City of West Hollywood to co-sponsor and actively participate by offering ideas and contributions and attending planning meetings. The Board discussed the conflict of the meeting date as being the same as the monthly WAB meeting and how that may be addressed. Boardmember Sutton made a motion to support the event which was

addressed. Boardmember Sutton made a motion to support the event which was seconded by Boardmember Moore and approved unanimously. Boardmember Moore offered to be the point person for this event on behalf of the WAB.

B. Presentation from Workshop for Assault Prevention

Walter and Tanya Bagot, Workshop for Assault Prevention (WAP), gave a presentation regarding their program of assault prevention seminars. Vice Chair Salguero suggested that the Board might consider co-sponsoring an activity with WAP sometime in the future such as for Sexual Assault Awareness month in April 2015. The Board made some suggestions to WAP to assist in making their services known to more groups within the community.

C. Clothing Drive

Carla Browning proposed the idea of organizing a city-wide clothing drive to benefit the organization Dress for Success. Staff shared information regarding the City's clothing and food drives in the upcoming months. Boardmember Cubba motioned to support LA/LGBT Center – Youth Center on Highland, Dress for Success Clothing drive in January 2015. Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Run for Her 5k and Friendship Walk, November 9, 2014

Staff announced the upcoming event supporting Ovarian Cancer research and education co-sponsored by the City and distributed information for the Board to help share with their networks.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION

A. Board Legislative Review Process

The Board discussed a draft outline of their review process for state legislation and best practices for making recommendations.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

There were no reports.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL

Tina Moore volunteered to do the report.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Feedback and updates regarding the following co-sponsored activities:

- Women's Equality Day Subcommittee
 - Start planning process sooner
 - Give co-sponsoring organizations a greater role
 - Increase outreach and participation of younger women

- She's History Staged Reading

- Great feedback from public
- Appx 45 people in attendance

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items from the public.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Nadia Sutton spoke about supporting the LBGT youth and the thanksgiving celebration at the LA/LGBT Youth Center on Highland.

Carla Browning announced that author Amy Bender will be at WAB Women and Books Club's December 2nd meeting.

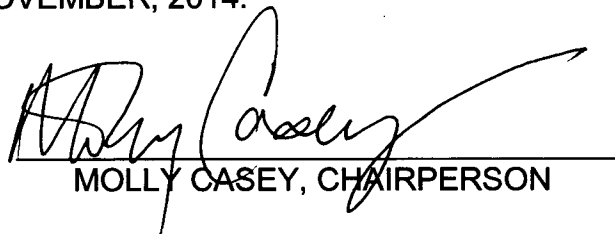
XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks shared the Edible Parkway slips that once planted, grow carrots.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the City Council Chambers, West Hollywood Park, 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 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.


MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY