

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

MINUTES

MONDAY November 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

*Location: Public Meeting Room, City Council Chambers
West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069*

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

A. Roll Call

Present: Molly Casey, Stephanie Cubba, Debra D'Amico, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Anne Toole and Noemi Torres

Absent: Carla Browning

B. Chairperson Casey Short Introduction of the Board

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes from October 23, 2014 were approved by consensus.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Heidi Shank, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Board for their service. She spoke about beginning an adjunct group of women, not funded by City Hall, and the desire to work with and support the Women's Advisory Board (WAB) on more neighborhood issues.

Stephanie J Harker, resident City of West Hollywood, requested that the Women's Advisory Board show strong support for voting the upcoming city special elections in June, and the importance of voting. She expressed her desire for more women on the council and encouraged the Board to support the endeavor.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

In honor of Veteran's Day, Erin Huey, United States Army Veteran, gave a presentation regarding the needs of women and LGBT veterans and discussed ways to assist all veterans locally.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women

Update regarding the Board's review of the *West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women*.

PUBLIC COMMENT – One Speaker

Lauren Meister, West Hollywood Resident, commented on the community survey taken by the City of West Hollywood for the Status of Women Report. She specifically discussed the 18 to 25 year old women bracket results.

Chairperson Casey gave a brief update. There will be several presentations at the December Board meeting. She discussion the idea of extending the time of the meeting to have it be a study session so the Board can have a lengthy discussion.

B. National Women's History Month 2015

Boardmember Cubba gave a brief update regarding the development of a women's history month art exhibit. She will be attending the Art and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting November 20, 2014 to request their co-sponsorship and assistance with the proposed exhibit. The Russian Advisory Board will be meeting November 25, 2014 and Chair Molly Casey asked for volunteers to attend their meeting and report back on what they plan for International Women's Day. Boardmember Torres agreed to attend.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. One Billion Rising Campaign 2015 (Item A. was taken out of order after ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC)

Presentation from Lindsey Horvath, Regional Coordinator, One Billions Rising –Los Angeles, regarding the 2015 global campaign to end violence against women. Lindsey discussed the V Day movement and the ways the Board can participate and support the 2nd year of the campaign. The theme for 2015 will be *Revolution* and will be a weekend instead of one day. She invited the Boardmember's ideas and support in the form of space to host, raising awareness through City of West Hollywood media channels, and participation. She went on to extend invitations to the Boardmember's to V Day meetings.

B. Support for the US National Committee for UN Women

Cathy Hillman, Founder/President, Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the US National Committee for UN Women discussed their work that supports the mission of UN Women, the United Nations entity responsible for promoting women's empowerment and gender equality-- the social, political, and economic equality for women and girls around the world. She gave a presentation regarding the Safe Cities LA Campaign, HeForShe Campaign and briefly discussed the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, (CEDAW). No action was taken.

C. Women's Advisory Board Annual Report

Boardmember Salguero made a motion to table this item at the request of staff. Boardmember seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

D. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed their upcoming meeting schedule and agendas. Boardmember Toole made a motion to begin the December 15, 2014 meeting at 6:00 pm. Boardmember Cubba seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Boardmember Salguero made a motion rescheduling their January 22, 2015 meeting to January 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Boardmember Cubba seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Board discussion of Legislative and policy issues affecting women.

A. CITIES FOR CEDAW AND THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Boardmember Stephanie Cubba made a motion that the Board recommend the City Council support the Cities for CEDAW Campaign. Boardmember Anne Toole seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

There were no reports.

X. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Stephanie Cubba will report back to the City Council for the month of November.

XI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA's Roe v Wade Event- January 22, 2015
Boardmember Moore reported that the NCJW/LA Planning committee requested additional support from the WAB, specifically to solicit donations for the event pre-reception and post receptions. The Board agreed by consensus limit their co-sponsorship to what was previously committed.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items from the public.

XIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Nadia Sutton offered information for Women Veterans in the form of MakeOversThatMatter.org, a not-for-profit foundation by founder Michael Jon Derricott.

Boardmember Silvia Salgureo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

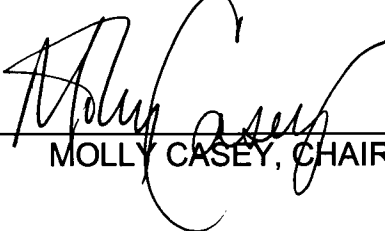
XIV. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

There were no remarks from the staff.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:


The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:25 pm to their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Art Room 1, Plummer Park Comprehensive Services Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 11th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.



MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY