

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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

***Location: Community Conference Room
West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.***

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rackley. At 7:07 PM.

B. Roll Call

Nicole C. Curran	Present
Sarah Dodge	Present
Debra Farmer	Present
Mary O'Gorman	Present
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell	Present
Madeleine Rackley , Chair	Present
Heidi Schroeder	Present
Renee Dake Wilson , Vice Chair	Present

Staff: Lisa Belsanti and Larissa Fooks

II. PRESENTATION FROM MAYOR JOHN J. DURAN

Mayor John J. Duran spoke to the Board regarding the work and function of his office as well as areas of priority. He thanked the Board for all their hard work.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of September 23, 2004: The minutes were approved by consensus.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Election Connection:

Renee Dake Wilson gave a brief wrap-up report on the election forums sponsored by the WAB. The Board gave feedback regarding the turnout, the effectiveness of the program, outreach and ways to increase participation at future events.

2. West Hollywood Book Fair Reception:

The Board hosted a reception for women authors at the book fair at The Abbey. About 15 authors attended and both Mayor Duran and Mayor Pro Tempore Land spoke. It was suggested that the Board consider doing it again next year.

3. Status of Women in West Hollywood:

Subcommittee is focusing on data gathering and analyzing demographic information. Members gave brief updates on the various issue areas each of them are working on.

4. V-Day 2005:

The Subcommittee suggested implementing another "Know Before You Go" sexual assault awareness outreach for V-Day as well as create some new programming. The Board discussed potential community sponsors and participants such as the organizers of the annual DV Prevention Awards.

B. Congress of Boards and Commissions:

Heidi Schroeder reported on the recent 1st annual Congress of the City's Boards and Commissions held on October 16, 2004. Attendees found it to be very inspirational. It was requested that staff send a thank you letter on behalf of the Board to the city manager and city council.

C. Healthy West Hollywood Month:

Brief follow-up discussion on programming held during the month of October, promoting wellness in the community.

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Kick-off October 4th

Rae Mitchell reported that it was the best Breast Cancer Awareness Month outreach event ever. Approximately 700 - 800 shower cards in Russian, Spanish and English were distributed as well as 500 pink ribbons.

2. Domestic Violence Prevention Awards, October 27th

Several Boardmembers attended and assisted with hosting. It was noted that the Board was not listed as a co-sponsor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Issues:

The Board discussed the best ways to proceed to address local, statewide and national legislation and policy affecting women. It was suggested that WAB focus on specific issues and prioritize them.

1. UN Statement Concerning Women's Rights

The Board discussed supporting the UN plan endorsed by 85 countries in support of women's rights. Mary O' Gorman made a motion urging the President to sign the statement in support of the plan. The motion was seconded by Nicole Curran and passed unanimously.

B. WORLD AIDS DAY:

The Board discussed possible activities to contribute to World AIDS Day. Nicole Curran volunteered to bring back some possible programming ideas to the Board for further review.

C. Women's History Month 2005:

Staff gave an overview of the existing Women's History Month annual programming and distributed proposal forms for new activities. Boardmembers signed up for various sub-committees.

D. Review of Calendar of Events:

Review of City and Board upcoming Events.

No Action.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Marcy Norton

Reminded the Board about the City's 20th Anniversary activities.

November 29th – Open House and December 5th – Street Fair

Nicole Curran

Provided information regarding the annual Governor's Conference for Women.

VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF–

None.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **November 18, 2004** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.