

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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, November 16, 2006, 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 at 7:08 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Kelly Alexander	Present
Vicki Geis	Present
Tami Kendra	Present
Lyndia Lowy, Chair	Present
Stephanie Middler, Vice Chair	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Madeleine Rackley	Present
Jessie Raeder	Present
Heidi Schroeder	Absent
Darcine Wdowczak Thomas	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks and Lisa Belsanti

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

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III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

Updates from ad hoc subcommittees.

1. Status of Women in West Hollywood

Madeleine Rackley reported. An draft outline of the report was distributed to the Board.

2. V-Day 2007

Boardmembers Tami Kendra, Jesse Raeder and Stephanie Middler volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to assist the local production of the *Vagina Monologues* on Saturday, February 10th at the Pacific Design Center.

V NEW BUSINESS

A. 34th Anniversary of Roe V. Wade

1. Co-sponsorship of the National Council of Jewish Women's Forum

Marcy Norton made a motion in support of the Board's co-sponsorship of the NCJW/LA forum to be held on January 24, 2007, commemorating the 34th anniversary of the Roe V. Wade decision. The motion was seconded by Jesse Raeder and passed unanimously.

2. West Hollywood Pro Choice City Campaign & West Hollywood Plan B Awareness Campaign

Lisa Belsanti provided information regarding the City's two social marketing campaigns about women's reproductive health. A brainstorming meeting with key representatives from women's advocacy organizations will be convened in December to solicit ideas about the West Hollywood Plan B Awareness Campaign.

B. Women's Advisory Board Work plan

Staff facilitated a discussion with the Board about an action plan for the next 2 years. Boardmembers gave input regarding ways to achieve the goals of the WAB and areas of focus identified through

the retreat process. Staff will compile the input provided into a draft work plan for the Board's review.

C. National Women's History Month 2007

Staff will give a brief overview of the Board's annual programming for Women's History Month. Boardmembers signed up for several sub committees including the Women's History Month Banners, Saturday's in the Park, Legacy Lobby Display and the Legacy Women in Leadership Awards

D. West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference

Staff gave an update on preliminary plans for the upcoming conference. Tentative dates are March 24th or 31st on a Saturday. The focus of the event will be mentorship and leadership development. Participants will include local women's advocacy organizations and groups, civic organizations such as the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce as well as local and regional women leaders representing a range of fields, including government, business, healthcare and the non-profit sector. A small planning group is in formation and will meet soon. Madeleine Rackley and Kelly Alexander expressed interested in serving on the planning committee.

E. Review of Calendar of Events

No action taken.

VI. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

A list of all the City's boards and commissions and their meeting times was distributed. Boardmembers were asked to consider becoming liaisons.

Human Services Commission

Kelly Alexander announced that she is planning to meet with Steven Davis, Chair of the Human Services Commission, to discuss ways the two groups might assist each other.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lyndia Lowy

Distributed a report about California business women.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

There were no items from staff

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:10 PM to their next regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at City Hall in West Hollywood, CA 90069.