

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

**MINUTES**

**November 20, 2003**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judith Resell at 7:15p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

Janet Chapman	Present
Mary O'Gorman	Present
Judy Lubin	Present
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Sara Michele Myers	Absent
Judith Resell, Chair	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder, Vice Chair	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tabled.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*None.*

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. Workplan Development:**

Staff facilitated a strategic planning session with the Board to formulate a 2-year workplan. The Board discussed more ways on how to best reach the goals set forth by the City Council. Ideas included holding a study session with the City Council, having special study sessions or hearings with the public on issues of concern, and producing issue forums.

##### **B. Women's History Month:**

Subcommittee report from the Banner Sub-committee.  
Members of the international Women's Day, Women in Leadership, and Saturday's In the Park Subcommittees scheduled meetings in December.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Legislative Updates:**

Rae Mitchell encouraged each Boardmember to join the legislative update list from the National Council of Jewish Women.

##### **B. V-Day**

Mary O'Gorman volunteered to review the program information and make a recommendation to the Board regarding on how to best commemorate this annual day of protest to end violence against women.

#### **VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Judith Ressel

Reported on attending a community meeting with Artists for a New South Africa regarding women and AIDS. Suggested that the Board consider co-sponsoring a "house party" fundraiser to benefit HIV positive women in South Africa.

Lyndia Lowy

Commented about the plight of women in prison in Northern California.

Marcy Norton

Inquired if the Board had officially taken action to recommend that the City Council urge the FDA to not approve silicone breast implants, which was passed by the City Council in October

**VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no items from staff.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Women's Advisory Board at 7 p.m. on December 18, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.