

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, November 18, 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.

B. Roll Call

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

Staff: Lisa Belsanti

II. PRESENTATION FROM CITY MANAGER PAUL AREVALO

Paul Arevalo spoke to the Board about how the City functions and his purview as City Manager.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of October 28, 2004: the Board approved the minutes by consensus.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mais Jasser, Femme Film Festival, spoke to the Board about the women's film festival she is organizing that will be held in West Hollywood and requested support from the Board.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

Update reports on current Board projects.

1. Women's History Month 2005

The Board discussed the status of subcommittee meetings.

2. Status of Women in West Hollywood

The Subcommittee is still gathering all the data that is being collected by all members and they are scheduled to meet soon.

3. V-Day 2005

The Subcommittee discussed having a small event to benefit a community partner that does work on violence against women issues such as Amnesty International.

4. World AIDS Day

Nicole Curran gave an update about World AIDS Day activities in the City. She inquired about the feasibility of the Board sponsoring a toy job for women and children with AIDS/HIV and if it could be promoted through the City's public information office.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A Legislative Issues

No discussion. A petition from Amnesty International regarding Violence against Women was distributed to Boardmembers

B. Roe V. Wade Anniversary

The Board discussed creating an event or asking the City Council to do a special commemoration for the 32nd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe V. Wade on January 22nd. It was suggested that the WAB work with Planned Parenthood. Nicole Curran volunteered to follow-up.

C. Governor's Conference For Women, December 7, 2004:

Boardmembers Rae Mitchel and Renee Dake Wilson expressed interested in attending the annual women's conference on behalf of the Board.

D. Review of Calendar of Events:

Review of City and Board upcoming Events.

No Action.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lyndia Lowy requested that discussion of co sponsoring the Femme Film Festival be added to the next meeting agenda.

Mary O'Gorman announced her resignation from the Board.

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 **December 16, 2004** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.