

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judith Resell called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

A. Roll Call

Debra Farmer	Present
Mary O'Gorman	Present
Lyndia Lowy	Absent
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell, Chair	Present
Madeleine Rackley	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder, Vice Chair	Absent
Renee Dake Wilson	Present

Staff: Lisa Belsanti, Larissa Fooks.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of July 22, 2004: Deb Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Renee Dake Wilson and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Election Connection:

Renee Dake Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. A flyer describing the various Election Connection events was distributed for feedback from the Board. There will be four mini-forums: October 12, Oct 14, Oct 18 and Oct 20 at different locations throughout the City.

The Subcommittee is also coordinating special goody bags for attendees. There will also be information tables for non-partisan literature distribution. Staff reported that the City Council will also be hosting an election forum highlighting some of the propositions.

B. West Hollywood Book Fair:

Lisa Belsanti gave an update on plans for the WAB to host a breakfast for women writers. The event will be held on Sunday, October 3rd at 9:30 am at The Abbey.

C. Status of Women in West Hollywood:

Madeleine Rackley gave a brief update report on behalf of the Subcommittee. They have conducted a preliminary review of some key City documents such as the needs assessment and would like to continue to evaluate more documents containing information about women in West Hollywood as well as conduct some type of survey. Mary O' Gorman made a motion for the Subcommittee to proceed with the development of a white paper on the status of women in West Hollywood. The motion was seconded by Madeleine and passed unanimously.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Elections:

The Board discussed postponing their annual election of officers at the request of absent members. A motion was made by Deb Farmer and seconded by Mary O' Gorman to proceed with the elections. Both Judith Resell and Madeleine Rackley were nominated for Chair. Election results: Madeleine Rackley 4 and Judith Resell 3. Renee Dake Wilson and Lyndia Lowy were nominated for Vice Chair. Election results: Renee Dake Wilson – 5 and Lyndia Lowy-2. Boardmembers thanked Judith Resell for her leadership as Chair this past year.

A. Special Event with NOW:

The Board discussed possible dates for a community event featuring Kim Gandy, President of the National Organization for Women, NOW. The date of September 21st was selected. The reception will be hosted by Sunset Trocadero Lounge. Madeleine Rackley and Renee Dake Wilson volunteered to work with staff to help coordinate the event.

C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

Staff gave a brief overview of Breast Cancer Awareness Month programming. This year, the programming will mainly consist of outreach at specific locations in the City. Boardmembers were asked to sign-up to participate in the outreach activities. There will also be Breast Cancer Awareness Month Banners displayed on Santa Monica Blvd during the month of October.

D. The Minerva Awards

Brief discussion of the Board making a nomination for the Minerva Awards, created by Maria Shriver to recognize women in leadership. The Board agreed by consensus to not pursue submitting a nomination for the award.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Marcy Norton

Commented about Move On participating in the City's annual book fair and the Voter Registration Booth she is coordinating for the book fair.

Announced book donations need for Friends of the Library's Annual Book and Bake Sale at the book fair.

Inquired about adding to a future WAB agenda, discussion of eligibility criteria for the Women in Leadership Awards.

Mary O'Gorman

Commented that the WAB Roster lists her old business phone number.

VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF–

None.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:25 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **September 23, 2004** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.