

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

**MINUTES**

**August 28, 2003**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Judith Resell at 7:10 p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

Janet Chapman	Present
Jerrie Heslov	Present
Judy Lubin	Present
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Sandi Margolis	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder	Present
Judith Resell	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks

**B. Review of the Agenda**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2003 and May 22, 2003 by Jerrie Heslov, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janet Chapman after typographical errors were noted.

### **III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Katherine Kobylak, Women Helping Women, NCJW, stopped by to introduce herself as the new contact for West Hollywood.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month:**

Rae Mitchell, board liaison to the City's Breast Cancer Awareness Planning Committee gave an update on programming for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The kick-off event for the month will be outreach and exams at the monthly Saturday's in the Park program. Heidi Schroeder, Janet Chapman, and Judy Lubin volunteered to participate.

#### **B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Hollywood Book Fair, September 21, 2003: *(This item was take out of order)***

Roz Helfand, one of the coordinators for the book fair gave an update on activities and events planned. She also asked for volunteers from the Board to help out at the book fair.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Election of Officers**

Judith Resell and Heidi Schroeder were both nominated for Chair. Jerrie Heslov made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Janet Chapman and passed unanimously. Judith Resell was elected chair by a vote of 6 – 2 (1 abstention). Heidi Schroeder was nominated Vice Chair. Jerrie Heslov made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by -----and passed unanimously. Heidi Schroeder was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 8-0 (1 abstention)

#### **B Update on Changes to the Advisory Boards:**

Staff reported on recent changes to the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions, specifically the new attendance policy, new

by-laws and a 2-year workplan. A workplan questionnaire and sample workplan were distributed to the Board as well as other materials for Board review. The Board will proceed to develop a workplan over the next two meetings which needs to be submitted to the City Council.

**C. March For Women's Lives Washington, DC April 25, 2004**

The Board briefly discussed the national march in support of women's reproductive rights organized by NOW, NARAL, Planned Parenthood and the Feminist Majority. Heidi Schroeder made a motion to endorse the march which was seconded by Lyndia Lowy and passed unanimously. Lyndia Lowy made a motion to recommend to the City Council host a media event in support of the march. The motion was seconded by Judy Lubin and passed unanimously.

**D. Legislative Updates:**

The Board reviewed and discussed current legislative issues affecting women, as follows:

1. The Board discussed endorsing an open letter to the FDA condom and lubricant manufacturers, and retailers regarding Nonoxynol-9. Marcy Norton made a motion for the Board to support the open letter, ask the individual City Councilmembers to send letters and that, time permitting, for the City Council to formally endorse the letter with a City Council Agenda item. Heidi Schroeder seconded the motion which passed 8-1.
2. The Board discussed the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act, H.R. 1886. No decision for support was made pending a request for further information regarding state protections.
3. The Board discussed pending FDA approval of silicone breast implants. Lyndia Lowy made a motion to recommend that the City Council urge the FDA to delay approval of silicone gel-filled breast implants until long-term studies prove that the implants are safe.

The motion was seconded by Jerrie Heslov and passed unanimously.

**E. Women's History Month:**

The Board reviewed past programming for Women's History month and agreed by consensus to work again on those activities. Boardmembers signed up for various subcommittees. A timeline and report with staff recommendations for consideration was also distributed to the Board.

**VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

**VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff announced that the November and December WAB meetings fall on holidays and will need to be rescheduled at the next meeting.

Staff informed the Board that due to budget constraints, there will not be any funding available for the annual Governor's Conference for Women.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 pm to the next regular meeting of the Women's Advisory Board at 7 p.m. on September 25, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.