

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY**, September 28, 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 7:09 PM.

West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Captain Buddy Goldman administered the oath of office to newly appointed boardmember Tami Kendra.

**A. Roll Call:**

Kelly Alexander	Absent
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	Absent
Heidi Schroeder	Present
Darcine Thomas	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks and Michelle Bell

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of August 24, 2006: Stephanie Middler made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to the adjournment date, the motion was seconded by Vicki Geis and passed unanimously.

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

Ruth Williams, NCJW/LA Director of Advocacy and liaison from the Public Safety Commission, shared information about upcoming NCJW/LA events, and announced a new program to assist women transitioning from prison.

### **IV. MEET CAPTAIN BUDDY GOLDMAN**

The new captain of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, Captain Buddy Goldman spoke to the Board about various public safety issues. Captain Goldman gave overview about his law enforcement philosophy and the changes he has implemented since his tenure began, such as the way they now handle complaints. He also addressed some specific questions from the Board regarding public safety.

### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW-UP**

Staff facilitated a discussion about ways for the Board to better advise the City Council on issues affecting women, the Board's current activities, and on what the Board's role in the community should be. (Summary Notes attached)

#### **B. Subcommittee Reports**

##### **1. Status of Women in West Hollywood –**

Madeleine Rackley reported that the Subcommittee is reviewing materials and developing ideas including one about ways to better create a sense of community amongst women.

#### **A. California Commission on the Status of Women Hearings**

Lyndia Lowy gave a brief report about the proceedings. Kelly Alexander, Lisa Belsanti and Councilmember Abbe Land participated.

### **VI NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Public Safety Updates (This item was taken out of order)**

Rich Ryan, Community Relations Program Specialist discussed programming planned for the month of October for domestic violence prevention and violence against women. Activities include a film screening on October 11<sup>th</sup> of "My Girl Friend Did it" about same gender domestic violence, the annual Mid-Wilshire community Domestic Violence Prevention Awards on October 25<sup>th</sup>, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Anti-Violence/Outreach on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; and Transgender Safety outreach to transgender women. Rich Ryan also asked members to participate in the presentation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the City Council meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to

**B. Annual Board and Commission Congress**

Staff gave a brief update regarding the schedule for the City's annual meeting of the Boards and Commissions on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Board reviewed the annual report and the following additions were made to the report under Outstanding Accomplishments: *Participation in Breast Cancer Awareness Month Outreach during the month of October and Co-sponsorship of "What Now? 40 Years of Feminism" a post West Hollywood Book Fair Authors' Reception and Celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NOW.*

**C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Rae Mitchell reported on the City's Breast Cancer Awareness Month programming. This year the "Pink Patrol", a group of community members and city staff will walk the streets distributing bilingual self exam cards. There will be a press conference on Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 an at City Hall to kick off the "Pink Patrol" outreach.

**D. Review of Calendar of Events**

No Action taken.

**VII. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

No reports.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

None. Corrections to the Board's contact roster were made.

**IX. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20 PM their next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 26, 2006 in West Hollywood, CA 90069.