

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, February 24, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Janet Chapman	Present
Jerrie Heslov	Present
Wendy Krueger, Vice Chair	Present
Judy Lubin	Excused
Sandi Margolis	Present
Meri McCann	Unexcused
Judith Resell, Vice Chair	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton, Recording Secretary	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks

B. Review of the Agenda

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of October 17, 2002. *Tabled*

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Community activist Ivy Bottini expressed her thanks to the members of the Board for selecting her as one of the two women who will be honored on banners in the City for Women's History Month in March

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A Lesbian Visibility Update:

Staff liaison Larissa Fooks reported that there is a pending funding request to the City Council for programming throughout the year.

B. Women's History Month:

Board members discussed and finalized plans for the various activities that they will be sponsoring and participating in for the annual celebration of women during the month of March, 2003. The discussion included the following major items:

1. The banners to be unveiled at the Council meeting on 3/3/03 will feature the local community/lesbian activist Ivy Bottini and the late Congresswoman Patsy T. Mink of Hawaii.
2. Wendy Krueger and Heidi Schroeder will represent the Board at Saturdays in the Park on 3/1/03.
3. Heidi Schroeder and Rae Mitchell volunteered to help erect the lobby display at City Hall
4. Wendy Krueger will attend the presentations at "Outfest Wednesdays" on 3/5/03 which the Board is co-sponsoring.
5. There was discussion of the reading by Dr. Nancy Snow, author of "Propaganda, Inc.: Selling America's Culture to the World" and "Information War" at the Abbey on 3/12/03.
6. Boardmembers were asked to support the performance of the West Hollywood Orchestra on 3/22/03.
7. There was extensive discussion of the 7th annual "Women in Leadership" awards reception, which the Board puts on with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held on 3/19/03 at Royal Order. This year's honorees include: Ida Blumstein Shirley Roberts, Jackie Rose, Adinah Solomon and Anna Strasberg. There was much discussion regarding suggestions as to who should be the recipient(s) of the donations taken in at the event. After reviewing the general criteria used in the past and the suggestions made, Marcy

Norton moved to designate two organizations to receive the donations raised at this year's events, namely the "Women Helping Women" Hotline run by the National Council of Jewish Women and the children's art therapy program at the Psychological Trauma Center at Cedars Sinai Hospital. Jerrie Heslov seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. West Hollywood Kids Fair

The Board discussed participating in the upcoming eight annual West Hollywood Kids Fair to be held on 4/5/03 at West Hollywood Park. Rae Mitchell suggested having some sort of "trash art" activity at our booth; Wendy Krueger suggested contacting the "food art" author who appeared at the West Hollywood Book Fair. Rae Mitchell, Wendy Krueger and Jerrie Heslov agreed to serve on a subcommittee to look into various possibilities for activities to sponsor at the Kids Fair. Heidi Schroeder volunteered to work at Board's booth on the day of the event. Wendy Krueger made a motion that the Board participate in the Kids Fair this year; Janet Chapman seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

B. Election of Officers:

In view of the resignation from the Board of newly-elected Chair Claire Magaha, it was noted that Vice Chair (and longtime former Chair) Wendy Krueger has been filling that role. There was discussion as to whether it was necessary to fill the open position of Chair inasmuch as Wendy is handling the duties, and it might be preferable to wait and see what the constituency of the Board is after the upcoming City Council elections and filling of four current vacancies on the Board. Marcy Norton moved that Wendy Krueger be elected Chair of the Women's Advisory Board officially and that she resume the position for a period of time until new board appointments are made by the City Council. Heidi Schroeder seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Heidi Schroeder suggested that the number of members of the Board be reduced (possibly to 12) to try to resolve the ongoing problems with getting a quorum for the meetings. It was requested that the issue would be put on the agenda of the Board's next meeting for referral and recommendation to the Council.

VII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF –

There were no items from staff.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:33 to their next regular meeting at 7pm on March 27, 2003 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.