

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

May 22, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Krueger at 7:18 p.m.

A. Roll Call

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

Staff: Larissa Fooks

B. Review of the Agenda

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion of the draft Minutes of the Board's March 27, 2003 meeting was tabled.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items presented by members of the public at this meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board Reduction and the Status of New Board Appointments:

Staff liaison Larissa Fooks reported that at its May 5, 2003 meeting, the City Council voted to reduce the size of the Women's Advisory Board from 14 members to 12, per the request of the Board. The quorum the WAB is now seven. The terms for Boardmembers will end on May 31, 2003 however appointments for all the Advisory Boards will not be made before June 9th. The current terms of members seeking reappointment will remain in effect until the City Council takes further action.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Participation in Annual LGBT Pride Parade, June 22, 2003:

Staff provided information about the City's contingent in parade. Boardmembers Rae Mitchell, Sandi Margolis and Marcy Norton expressed interest in representing the Board in the parade.

B. Legislative Updates:

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

- (1) Boardmembers Rae Mitchell and Marcy Norton gave updates regarding healthcare legislation currently being considered by the State Senate as Sheila Kuehl's bill SB921 (Single Payer Universal Healthcare Plan) and the Burton/Speier bill SB2 (Employer-Mandated Healthcare Coverage).
- (2) Staff reported that Deanna Stevenson, former WAB staff Liaison has expressed an interest in organizing some local activities in response to pending anti-choice legislation.

C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

The planning committee has met and begun the planning process for City's annual programming breast cancer awareness prevention and education in October. Preliminary plans include the distribution of breast self-exam shower cards and the creation of Public Service

Announcements. The Board discussed suggestions for other activities to forward to the committee for consideration, specifically outreach to the eastside and the Russian-speaking community.

D. Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2003:

The Board discussed commemorating the anniversary of women's obtaining the right to vote in the United States. There was no consensus to create any special programming this year.

E. 2nd Annual West Hollywood Book Fair, September 21, 2003:

Marcy Norton reported on the plans currently underway for the second annual West Hollywood Book Fair to be held in West Hollywood Park on September 21, 2003. Commission and Advisory Boardmembers will be asked again to volunteer for this year's event. Board members were encouraged to think of other possible ways to participate or increase the visibility of women.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Marcy Norton commented that she had made an inquiry to staff recently about the donations raised from the Women in Leadership Awards having not yet been received by the designated agencies.

Marcy Norton again raised the issue of the need to begin planning events for Women's History Month as early as possible.

Jerrie Heslov suggested creating a master calendar of all events that the Board wishes to plan for each year so as to allocate the necessary work more effectively.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Larissa Fooks reported that the funds had since been delivered to the agencies: \$1,125 went to the National Council of Jewish Women's "Women Helping Women Hotline"; and \$515 to the Psychological Trauma Center at Cedars Sinai. And that the delay was largely due to trying to pain a formal presentation at a City Council meeting and

Staff stated that draft a calendar with a timeline for Women's History Month events would be created.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Wendy Krueger adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on June 26, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.