

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Madeleine Rackley at 7:12 PM.

B. Roll Call

Kelly Alexander	Present
Nicole C. Curran	Absent
Debra Farmer	Present
Vicki Geis	Present
Lyndia Lowy, Vice Chair	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell	Present
Madeleine Rackley, Chair	Present
Heidi Schroeder	Present
Renee Dake Wilson	Resigned

Staff: Larissa Fooks

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of August 25, 2005: Lyndia Lowy made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Heidi Schroeder and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

Update reports from subcommittees:

1. Status of Women in West Hollywood:

Madeleine Rackley stated that the subcommittee will need to regroup in order to wrap up the report on the *Status of Women in West Hollywood*.

B. Board Liaison Reports

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission

Madeleine Rackley mentioned that the Commission is having a retreat meeting and suggested that the WAB consider having one as well.

Kelly Alexander expressed interested in attending the Business License Commission meetings and possibility serving as a liaison to the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

C. Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2005

Marcy gave a brief report on the event. She commented that the raffle did not occur and expressed concerns about thank you letters going out to the businesses who donated to the event.

D. Townhall Meeting on Social Security Reform

Kelly Alexander reported. She recommended that the Board hold off due to the issue not be as prominent in the news lately. It was suggested that the focus be shifted to Medicare Part D.

E. Community Forum on Slavery and Trafficking, September 27, 2005

Lyndia Lowy reported that the event was very well attended and that the speakers were inspiring.

F. Healthy West Hollywood Month

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Rae Mitchell reported on the Breast Cancer Awareness Month outreach activity. It was suggested that an evening outreach time be included to reach more women and that the Breast Cancer Awareness Month Banners that are hung along Santa Monica Blvd be extended east of Fairfax Ave.

2. Domestic Violence Prevention Awards, October 20th

March Norton, Rae Mitchell and Nicole Curran attended the event held at Plummer Park. Concerns were raised about the event becoming less personal and about why the Board was not asked to be involved this year.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Issues

1. November Ballot Initiatives

Jeff Book from the City's Human Services Department delivered a legislative briefing to the Board regarding propositions on the November ballot.

B. Board and Commission Annual Congress

Boardmembers expressed appreciation for the event. Madeleine Rackley requested that Boardmembers route their comments about the Congress to her to forward to staff.

C. National Women's History Month, March 2006

Staff gave the Board an overview of Women's History Month and distributed information regarding the Board's existing programming. Boardmembers signed up for the various subcommittees.

D. Schedule of Upcoming Board Meetings

The Board confirmed November 17th as the date of their next meeting. The tentative dates for the December meeting are the 8th or the 13th. Staff will check with the absent Boardmembers and confirm a date.

E. Review of Calendar of Events:

No action taken.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Kelly Alexander: Attended the Governor's Conference for Women and Families and was able to speak one on one with Suzy Orman. She suggested that the WAB consider a future discussion about women and investment.

Lyndia Lowy: Announced that the December 1st meeting of the Planning Commission will feature a public hearing on mixed-use development in the City and urged Boardmembers to attend. She also announced that her ex-husband created a vaccine to prevent cervical cancer.

Marcy Norton: Suggested that the Board consider ways for participation in the 2006 Book Fair so she can take the ideas to the book fair planning committee meetings when they begin next year.

Madeleine Rackley: Commented that while she was at the Annual Board and Commission Congress, men from other Boards expressed interested in serving on the WAB. She thanked all the WAB members for their hard work.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **November 17, 2005** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.+-