

**City of West Hollywood**  
**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**

THURSDAY, March 27, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Krueger at 7:12 p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

Janet Chapman	Present
Jerrie Heslov	Excused
Wendy Krueger, Vice Chair	Present
Judy Lubin	Present
Sandi Margolis	Present
Meri McCann	Excused
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:**

Wendy Krueger made a motion to add discussion of Women's Health Month to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Marcy Norton and passed unanimously.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the draft Minutes of the meetings held on October 17, 2002 and on February 27, 2003. Both sets of minutes were approved by consensus of the Board subject to correction of the errors noted.

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

None.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Women's History Month:**

Chair Wendy Krueger led a discussion among the Board members regarding the various activities, which they had sponsored and participated in during Women's History Month in March. Larissa Fooks reported that the Women in Leadership Awards event had raised approximately \$1,500 in donations for the two charities, which the Board had designated as recipients of funds. She suggested that the Board consider having representatives of each organization at the next Council meeting to make a formal presentation.

It was suggested that the Board begin planning for the Women's History Month events earlier in the year than is usually done so as to avoid problems with banners, invitations, notices and other related items coming out too late or too close to the events.

#### **B. West Hollywood Kids Fair:**

Rae Mitchell reported on behalf of the Kids Fair Subcommittee regarding plans for the Board's participation in the event to be held April 5, 2003 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in West Hollywood Park. It was suggested that a less elaborate project other than the "trash art" activity be considered such as making jewelry with pasta and string. Boardmembers Rae Mithchell, Heidi Schroeder, Wendy Krueger and Jerrie Heslov will staff the booth.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Legislative Updates:**

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

- 1) Rae Mitchell attended major informational meeting that in the afternoon to advise interested parties and organizations about Senator Sheila Kuehl's bill SB 921, the Single Payer Universal Health Care plan. Rae Mitchell made a motion the Board to support SB 921; Judith Resell seconded the Motion. The motion passed 6 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention.

2) Staff reported on requests for letters of support for AB 898, regarding DNA tests and the Sexual Assault Victims' Bill of Rights. Individual City Council offices have sent letters.

3) The Board reviewed a draft recommendation to the City Council asking them to oppose HR 760 and to denounce the U.S. Senate's passage of S.3, both banning partial birth abortions. The Board discussed these issues and took the following actions: Marcy Norton made a motion to make the recommendation to the Council as drafted, asking them to oppose HR 760 and to denounce the Senate's passage of S 3; Judith Resell seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Board Vacancies and Re-Appointments:**

Staff reported that there are currently 4 vacancies on the Board and only one application on file. The City Council probably not take any action to fill any of the vacancies before the Council Reorganization on April 21st. It was suggested that Boardmembers do outreach to women in the community whom they know and think would make good prospects. Methods of recruitment were discussed. Reappointment notices will be mailed to all Boardmembers soon and should be returned as soon as possible.

**C. Proposal to Reduce the Size of the Board:**

The Board discussed the making a recommendation to the City Council to reduce the size of the Board in order to increase the probability of quorums for the meetings. Heidi Schroeder made a motion to recommend the reduction of the Board to the City Council; Sandi Margolis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**D. Women's Health Month—May 2003:** (This item was taken out of order)

Rich Ryan of the City's Public Safety Division made spoke to the Board about joint agency plans for outreach and education for Women's Health Month in May. Information tables contain materials about women's health and domestic violence issues will be placed at several locations throughout the community (City Hall, West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, the Gay & Lesbian Center, the Community Center at Plummer Park, Jewish Family Services Center, Los Angeles Free Clinic, LAPD Hollywood Station, etc.). Rich Ryan requested that the Women's Advisory Board consider becoming a co-sponsor. Judith Resell made a motion that the Board endorses and serves as a sponsor of Women's Health Month. The motion was seconded by Sandi Margolis and passed unanimously.

## **VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Marcy Norton announced that Sheriff's Captain Lynda Castro has been promoted to the rank of Commander pointed, and asked if the Board would want do something to wish her well.

## **VII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wendy Krueger adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. to the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on April 24, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.