

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, July 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Heidi Kim Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

A. Roll Call

Debra Farmer	Present
Mary O'Gorman	Present
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell, Chair	Absent
Madeleine Rackley	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder, Vice Chair	Present
Renee Dake Wilson	Present

Staff: Lisa Belsanti, Larissa Fooks and Tom West.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of June 24, 200: Deb Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded by Renee Dake Wilson and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sam Borrelli, Public Safety Commissioner, spoke about the "Know Before You Go" kick-off event. He commended the Board for their work on the project and urged them to do it again.

Roz Helfand spoke about the next Human Rights Speakers Series-- Reproductive Rights as a Human Right on September 22nd. She also asked the Board to consider assisting with a possible community event featuring NOW President Kim Gandy in September.

Sarah Dodge spoke about working on the Board's election community outreach event and announced that she is applying to serve on the WAB.

IV. BOARD TRAINING

City Clerk Tom West made a presentation to the Boardmembers about parliamentary procedure fundamentals, the Brown Act and good meeting practices. Boardmembers asked questions and reviewed basic motions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. West Hollywood Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign:

The Board discussed the recent "Know Before You Go," West Hollywood Sexual Assault Awareness Education Campaign kick-off event held on July 16, 2004. Lyndia Lowy made a motion to send letters of thanks to the Sheriff's Department, specifically Lt. Smith, City Staff and Public Safety Commission for their participation and support. The motion was seconded by Renee Dake Wilson and passed unanimously. Staff was asked to provide information regarding the cost of the campaign materials at the September WAB meeting.

B. Election Community Outreach Event:

The Subcommittee reported on ideas for an event to increase the participation of younger women in civic activities, specifically young mothers, tentatively called "Election Connection." The focus would be to educate voters about the various propositions on the November ballot in a non-partisan forum. The event would include provisions for Russian translation, childcare services, as well as voter registration and absentee ballots. A motion was made by Deb Farmer to direct the Sub-committee to work out the details for the event. The motion was seconded by Marcy Norton and passed unanimously.

C. West Hollywood Book Fair:

Subcommittee reported on meeting with staff to discuss the possibility of hosting an event featuring author D. Hamilton as part of the annual Book Fair on Sunday, October 3rd, 2004 at West Hollywood Park. It was suggested that the Board host a breakfast for women writers.

Subcommittee members Marcy Norton and Mary O’Gorman will continue to work on the idea and report back.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Commission 2003-04:

Madeleine Rackley gave a brief summary report on issues pertaining to women in West Hollywood generated by former Mayor Prang’s Blue Ribbon Commission. The Board discussed the idea of developing a position paper on the status of women in West Hollywood. Deb Farmer made a motion that the Board designate a subcommittee to explore the idea. The motion was seconded by Renee Dake Wilson and passed unanimously. Subcommittee Members: Deb Farmer, Mary O’Gorman, Renee Dake Wilson and Madeleine Rackley.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

The Board agreed by consensus to form a subcommittee to make a recommendation regarding the Minerva Awards. Subcommittee Members: Madeleine Rackley and Deb Farmer.

VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff announced that the annual Board election of officers will be scheduled for the August meeting.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The Women’s Advisory Board adjourned at 9 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **August 26, 2004** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.