

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

January 22, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judith Resell at 7:20 p.m.

A. Roll Call

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| Janet Chapman | Present |
| Debra Farmer | Present |
| Mary O'Gorman | Present |
| Lyndia Lowy | Present |
| Rae Mitchell | Present |
| Marcy Norton | Present |
| Judith Resell, Chair | Present |
| Heidi Kim Schroeder, Vice Chair | Present |

Staff: Larissa Fooks

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Workplan Development:

The Board reviewed the latest draft of the workplan. Omissions were noted from the previous meeting and due

to inaccuracies in the document, further discussion was tabled. Judith Resell, Marcy Norton and Heidi Schroeder volunteered to assist staff in reviewing the workplan draft document for accuracy.

B. Women's History Month:

Kick-Off Event Reception—Judith Resell suggested that the reception beginning at 5:30 pm and guests be invited to make the kick-off more like a real reception.

Banner Sub-committee—NO Report. The Sub-committee did not meet. Janet Chapman made a motion to direct the Sub-committee to make the final decision regarding the banner honorees this year. The motion was seconded by Mary O'Gorman and passed unanimously.

Saturdays in the Park—Rae Mitchell reported that the sub-committee had decided to attend the event and provide information for parents. It was determined after speaking with staff that it would not be feasible to provide a performance program for the parents separate from their children.

International Women's Day—Lyndia Lowy reported that CAST had committed to participating and spoke of their work the community with sex slaves from Latin America and women from the former Soviet Union. Judith Resell spoke at the last Russian Advisory Board to request their participation in the event.

Women in Leadership Awards – Staff provided minutes from the selection committee meeting. Agreement had been reached on 3 honorees. Heidi Schroeder provided information about two possible choices. The event will be on March 24 from 6-8 p.m. The Chamber of Commerce will confirm the location and their choice for the Phyllis Morris Award next week.

C. V-Day

Mary O' Gorman reported on the Sub-committee meeting which was held just prior to the WAB meeting. The sub-committee discussed the concept of creating a sexual assault awareness campaign and how to best outreach to women in the community.

Donna Feinstein and Amanda Hendon, producers of V-Day West Hollywood 2004, a local production of *The Vagina Monologues*, spoke about their community project and requested formal support from the WAB. They are seeking co-sponsorship from the City. Boardmembers were invited to participate in the performance.

Lyndia Lowy made a motion in support of the V-Day West Hollywood 2004 project. The motion was seconded by Heidi Schroeder and passed unanimously. Judith Resell made motion for the Board to approve the sexual assault awareness campaign activity, seconded by Mary O'Gorman the motion passed unanimously. A joint recommendation from the WAB and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will be on the City Council agenda for February 17th. A proclamation declaring V-Day in West Hollywood will also be presented at that time.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Updates:

Rae Mitchell gave an update on AB 921 (Kuehl), the Health Care for all Californians Act and urged Boardmembers to stay informed about its progress. General information was distributed about the Freedom of Choice Act of 2004, which was just introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer.

B. Support of Artist for a New South Africa's AIDS relief efforts in South Africa:

Roz Helfand provided background information on the ANSA program for women and children in South Africa. Judith

Resell and Marcy Norton volunteered to form a sub-committee to work on an idea for a possible house party fundraiser.

C. Support for Family PACT:

Debra Farmer gave an overview of the Family PACT program, California's comprehensive family planning services to eligible low income people and spoke about the proposed funding cuts of approximately 10 % to the program and the potential impact on service providers and their clients.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Debra Farmer

Announced a rally to protest the Governor's proposed budget cuts to the ADAP program at West Hollywood Park.

Marcy Norton

Announced that she is on the 20th anniversary planning committee and will make sure Women's History Month programming is included on the calendar of yearlong activities. Suggest that the Board consider more ways to participate

Announced that the show 20/20 is airing a show on sexual slavery and they might be interested in being involved the WAB's International Women's Day event.

Suggested using the *Stop Family Violence* Stamp on City mailings to encourage the public to use them and raise money.

Requested earlier notification about events relating to the Board.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff apologized for the confusion regarding the workplan draft.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the Women's Advisory Board at 7 p.m. on February 26, 2004 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

**Women in Leadership Awards
Selection Committee Meeting**
January 21, 20024

MINUTES

Attendees:

Mindy Bradish, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
Heidi Schroeder, Vice Chair, Women's Advisory Board
Fran Solomon, Office of Councilmember John Heilman
Larissa Fooks

I. Event Overview

Date: March 24th

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Robert Kuo Limited or Phyllis Morris Originals

Catering: Bristol Farms & Trader Joe's (to be confirmed)

II. Honoree Selection Discussion

There was consensus to award the following:

Ruth Linden, Light up the Library Program

Nan Washburn, West Hollywood Orchestra

Mary Sweeney & Vickie Shemaria, owners of Basix & Marix

The Chamber will make a final determination regarding the Phyllis Morris Award on 1/23/04. (Jamie Adler, Phyllis Morris Originals or Mimi McCormick, MOCA)

There was no consensus on the 5th award. Laura Frakes, West Hollywood Library and Rev. Gwynne Guibord, Decon at St. Thomas Church were considered.

III. Charitable Organization for Donations

No discussion. It was suggested that the contributions benefit a local organization.

III. Next Steps

Confirm honorees and notify them.

Confirm event location.