

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 1, 2002 at 7: p.m.

1. Call to order-

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by Vice Chair Resell.

A. Roll Call

Janet Chapman	Present
Julia Gandelsman	Absent
Jerrie Heslov	Present
Mina Kedar	Absent
Wendy Krueger, Chair	Present
Judy Lubin	Present
Claire Magaha	Present
Sandi Margolis	Present
Meri McCann	Present
Judith Resell, Vice Chair	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Danielle Noble	Present
Marcy Norton, Recording Secretary	Absent

B. Review of the Agenda-

Approved by conciseness

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Approved as amended by consensus(name misspellings in VE).

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Alan Weber, producer of "Step by Step," spoke to the board about raising funds for the Coming Out Event.

IV. A. Women in & Out of the Workplace:

Claire Magaha and Danielle Noble explained to the Board the new focus of the event series, and Larissa Fooks passed out pertinent documents on the subject that detail the proposed programming for the October 24-26 event. The Board reviewed the programming such as Employer Training, a Speaker Event about Workplace Wellness, and Resource Kits, and she gave examples of how women will be able to access wellness and domestic violence service providers via such programming., Chamber of Commerce

participation in the events, and the series' goal of producing recommendations and reports to City Council. The Board discussed celebrity participation in the events as well as co-sponsorship of a mixer by "Step Up," Women's Business Organization.

B Co-Sponsorship of Women's Photography Exhibit-

Diane Kahn-Epstein from the City's Social Services Division spoke to Board about homelessness in West Hollywood and to help the Board gauge its role in the Downtown Exhibit.

C. Heritage Tree Project-

Tabled.

D. West Hollywood Bookfair, October 5, 2002-

Roz Helfand spoke to the Board about the event and its programming.. The Board discussed its participation in the event. Roz Helfand suggested that certain Board Members may want to participate in readings by feminist, female, or lesbian authors, and she agreed to pass along information to the Board regarding these segments of the event. The Board discussed the possibility of offering a token gift to all of the women authors participating in the Bookfair and/or doing a reception for the women authors. The Board tabled the decision to the next meeting and Roz Helfand agreed to return with more information.

V. New Business

A. Violence Against Women Issues:

The Board reviewed rape statistics for the City submitted by Captain Lynda Castro. The Board asked to have someone come and address these statistics and the topic of rape in the City in order to learn more about these sex crimes. Regarding Battered Women, the Board discussed its position on support for parole for women who murder in retaliation for domestic abuse. It was decided that the Board would invite an expert to attend a meeting and to provide more information to the Board on this topic. The Board discussed V-Day and the upcoming events around it. It was decided that the Board would explore the specific physical dangers present on Sunset Boulevard in particular during weekend outings and surrounding nightclubs with the aim of creating awareness literature for distribution in the future.

B. Healthy West Hollywood Month--October 2002:

The Board discussed ways to participate in the City's second annual month of wellness programming for the community. Decisions regarding this item were tabled until the next meeting.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

There were no items from the Board.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

There were no items from staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board agreed to adjourn at 8 :55 pm to their next regular meeting at 7 pm on August 22, 2002 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.