

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, December 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

*Location: Art Room 1, Comprehensive Services Center
Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90046*

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Molly Casey called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

A. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Molly Casey, Noemi Torres, Debra D'Amico, Tina Moore, Vice Chair Silvia Salguero, and Anne Toole

Absent: Carla Browning and Stephanie Cubba

Staff: Larissa Fooks and John Erickson

II. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Meeting of November 10, 2014

Vice Chair Silvia Salguero made a motion to approve the Minutes which were 2nd by Boardmember Tina Moore and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. National Women's History Month 2015

Updates regarding program development for the City's annual National Women's History Month celebration during the month of March 2015.

The Board selected Maya Angelou and Barbara Gittings to recognize on Women's History Month Banners. Reina Martinez, President, Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women requested support for a youth event called the Girl Party. Made a motion in support of co-sponsoring the Girl Party to be held on Saturday, March 14th from 11 am – 2pm at Plummer Park. Tina Moore made a motion in support of the event which was seconded by Silvia Salguero and passed unanimously. Steven Reigns, the City's Poet, requested that the Board co-sponsor a reading of the works of Anais Nin on Saturday, March 29th in the City Council Chambers. A motion was made in support of co-sponsoring the reading as part of Women's History Month by Nadia Sutton and seconded by Tina Moore. The motion passed unanimously. Staff reported that the WAB book club will be meeting on March 10th at Plummer Park instead of March 3rd due to the City Council elections. The Women in Leadership Awards and Reception has been confirmed for

March 26th at the Phyllis Morris showroom. The selection committee will be meeting in January. Staff also announced that the Women's History Month kick off would occur on the last regular Council meeting for Councilmember Abbe Land who founded the Board. It was requested that the Board consider any additional programming for Women's History Month at their next meeting.

B. One Billion Rising Campaign 2015

John Erickson gave a brief update regarding the City's plans in development for their participation in support of 2015 global campaign to end violence against women. The City will be hosting the kickoff event on Friday, March 13th. Silvia Salguero and Tina Moore volunteered to act as liaisons for the event.

C. WAB Televised Meeting on November 10, 2014

Board's briefly discussed their recent televised meeting on November 10, 2014.

D. Support for the US National Committee for UN Women

Tabled.

V. STUDY SESSION

West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women

The Board continued their review of the *West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women*. The Board will review and discuss the Report per City Council directive. There were presentations from City Staff regarding public safety, recreation services and programming, and arts and cultural programming. Board feedback will be incorporated into the draft report in development. Guest speakers included Olivia Walker; Recreation Services Manager, Stephanie Martinez; Recreation Supervisor, Andrew Campbell; Cultural Affairs Administrator, Bonnie Smith; Public Safety Supervisor and Detective Castro, West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. West Hollywood Women's Heart Health Awareness Campaign

City Staff gave a brief update regarding the City's annual programming related to heart health awareness for women and suggested that the Board consider playing an active role in future efforts.

B. Women's Advisory Board Annual Report

Tabled.

C. Board Retreat Meeting

Staff distributed a draft agenda for the Board's February meeting which will include a retreat-type session focused on the Board's 2014-2016 work plan implementation.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Board discussion of Legislative and policy issues affecting women.

A. CITIES FOR CEDAW AND THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Staff gave a brief update regarding the Board's recommendation in support of the Cities for CEDAW Campaign and distributed a copy of the staff report that is on the City Council's agenda for December 15th for approval.

B. WOMEN VETERANS/WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Staff gave an update regarding the previous City actions in support of women veterans and those currently serving in the military, distributed information from the Cal Vet Veterans Services regarding service for women and information about military sexual trauma statistics.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

N/A

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Feedback and updates regarding the following co-sponsored activities:

1. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA's Roe v Wade Event- January 22, 2015
Tina Moore reported. All co-sponsoring organizations were asked to provide an outreach team to interact with attendees versus staffing a static table. Boardmembers confirmed their participation.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Nadia Sutton wished everyone a happy holiday.

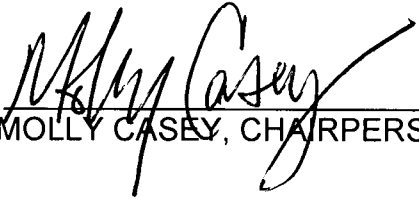
XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff reminded Board members about the mandatory ethics training deadline.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 pm to a special re-scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the Rooms 5 & 6, Plummer Park Comprehensive Services Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.


MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY