

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, May 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Tina Moore, Nadia Sutton, Silvia Salguero, and Noemi Torres

Absent: Kelly Alexander and Anne Toole

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and John Erickson, Recording Secretary

**II. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting of April 28, 2016 and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Staff reported that recommendations from the Board regarding the update to the *West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women* will be moving forward to the City Council shortly.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Women's Equality Day Collaboration with the National Women's History Project**

Martha Wheelock, Boardmember, National Women's History Project (NWHP) and filmmaker, gave a presentation to the Board regarding collaborating with the NWHP for a program celebrating Women's Equality Day in August and premiere her new film "Forward Into Light" about suffragist Inez Milholland. Boardmember Moore made a motion to create subcommittee to collaborate with the National Women's History Program for Women's Equality Day in August and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus. Boardmembers D'Amico and Sutton agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

**B. West Hollywood Women's Equality Day**

The Board discussed additional ideas about commemorating Women's Equality Day. By consensus the Board agreed to move forward with exploring the idea for a

Friday evening program that would include screening the film "Inez" along with a feature film such as "Suffragette" outside in the park. The Women's Equality Day Collaboration Subcommittee was directed to follow up with the National Women's History Project.

**C. Women from Pakistan Panel Discussion ("USA + Pakistan: Images of Women in Media and in Reality")**

Staff reported about an invitation to the Board to co-sponsor USA + Pakistan: Images of Women in Media and in Reality" an upcoming program planned for July 16<sup>th</sup> that will be hosted by the West Hollywood Library and feature a panel of university students who are participating in a State Department program. Boardmember Moore made a motion to co-sponsor the panel discussion and Boardmember D'Amico seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**D. Association of California Commissions for Women, ACCW Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the Association of California Commissions for Women is scheduled for June 25, 2016. Boardmember Eyres is planning to attend on behalf of the Board.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference 2016**

Disabilities Advisory Board Member Anny Semonco gave feedback regarding how well attended the "How to Get Appointed to a Board or Commission" panel was, which she spoke on. The Board discussed the 2016 West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference and their involvement and participation and gave positive feedback on the programming overall.

**B. Board Work Plan Review**

Staff facilitated a brief evaluation discussion with the Board regarding their 2014-2016 work plan. The Board discussed both areas of success and items to spend more focus on in the future.

**VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:**

**A.** Vice Chair Torres made a motion in support the legislative agenda of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking and the National Council of Jewish Women/LA, which includes the following bills: AB 1760 (Santiago) – Child Trafficking Victims; AB 1761 (Weber) – Human Trafficking Victims Affirmative Defense; and AB 1762 (Campos) – Vacating Convictions of Human Trafficking Victims acts and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimously. Vice Chair Torres made a motion to recommend that the City Council support AB 1761 (Weber) – Human Traffic Victims Affirmative Defense act and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimously.

**VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

None.

**IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

Boardmember D'Amico volunteered to report to City Council for the month of May.

**X. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **Young Women Subcommittee**  
No report.
2. **Women In Film Speaker Series**  
No report.
3. **Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee**  
No report. Staff distributed coasters for the new sexual assault prevention campaign and stated that the outreach date might be the date of the next WAB meeting in June..
4. **Elimination of the Statute of limitations on Rape**  
Boardmember Sutton reported that SB 813 (Leyva) – Justice for Victims Act is out of appropriations and will be heard by the full Senate.
5. **Economic Equality Subcommittee**  
No report.

**XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember D'Amico spoke about the STEM education high school where she works and passed around information to the that can be shared to attract more girls to attend.

Boardmember Sutton spoke about the upcoming LA Pride events.

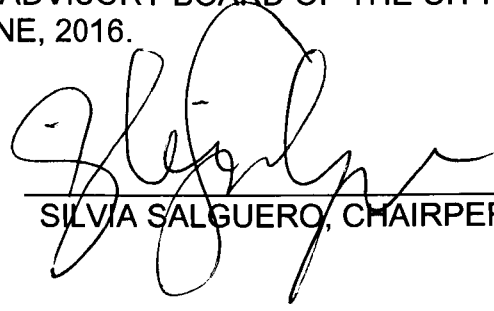
**XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff Liaison Fooks thanked the Board for their participation and support of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference and spoke about the upcoming VolunTeen Awards and upcoming Human Rights Speakers Series events.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:07 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2016.



SILVIA SALGUERO, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY