

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

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

1st Floor Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Torres called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Amanda Smash Hyde, Tina Moore, Nadia Sutton and 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 Salguero made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of meeting of November 15, 2016 and Vice Chair Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Boardmember Moore abstaining.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks gave a presentation regarding the United State of Women.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. West Hollywood Services for Children & Youth

Corey Roskin, Social Services Specialist and Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Program Administrator gave a presentation to the Board regarding available services and programing provided for children, youth and young adults.

B. Co-sponsorship of The Vagina Monologues for V-Day

Dorian Wilson, Vice President and Treasurer for Hollywood NOW (National Organization for Woman), requested support their production of the *Vagina Monologues*. Boardmember Moore made a motion to co-sponsor Hollywood NOW's production of the *Vagina Monologues* and Boardmember Hyde seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. National Women's History Month 2017

The Board discussed programming for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

- Kick-off and Banner unveiling – March 6
- International Women's Day – March 5
- Women's History Month Lobby Display – March 1- 31
- Women in Leadership Awards – March 22, (TBC)
- Women's Advisory Board Monthly Meeting – March 23
- Women and Books Club – March 7
- Women in Film Speaker Series – March 28
- WLC Mini-Film Festival – March 10
- Hollywood NOW's Women's History Month event – Date TBD
- Lesbian Speaker Series – Date TBD

The Board selected First Lady Michelle Obama and Women's Suffragist Inez Milholland to be the 2017 National Women's History Month Banner Honorees. The Board formed a subcommittee to work with programming for the International Women's Day event with the Russian Advisory Board on March 5, 2017. Vice Chair Eyres and Boardmembers Moore and Hyde volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. Boardmember Hyde made a motion to approve co-sponsorship of Hollywood NOW's 2017 Women's History Month event and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Boardmember Moore made a motion to co-sponsor the Lesbian Speaker Series' March program and Vice Chair Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. West Hollywood Women's Heart Health Campaign

Staff gave a presentation on the City's annual efforts to promote heart health awareness targeting women and opportunities for Board to participate in these efforts.

VII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Eyres reported that she attended the Transgender Day of Remembrance and that the event was successful and well attended.

VIII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Tabled.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Sutton volunteered to report to City Council for the month of December.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

Boardmember D'Amico reported that a member of the subcommittee will attend an upcoming meeting of the City's Children's Roundtable.

2. Women In Film Speaker Series

Boardmember Hyde reported that she attended the last event and gave welcoming remarks to the crowd.

3. Elimination of the Statute of limitations on Rape

Vice Chair Eyres reported that the next ERSOL meeting would be a holiday party and that the Board was invited to attend.

4. Economic Equality Subcommittee

No report.

5. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

Boardmember Moore reported that the coasters will be installed in bathrooms around West Hollywood to further promote the City's *Only Yes Means Yes* sexual assault awareness campaign. She also reported that the next walk with the Public Safety Commission will be on December 18, 2017 at 2:00 pm and they will distribute "Don't Drink and Drive" napkins to bar patrons.

6. WAB Club: Women And Books

Boardmember Salguero reported that she attended the last meeting and that the group will have further discussion about special programming during the year with the WAB.

7. Black History Month Literary Event: WE RISE! WE WRITE! WE ARRIVE!

No report.

8. NCJW/LA Annual Roe V Wade Event " Rally To Save Roe"

Vice Chair Eyres reported that NCJW|LA is currently working to close down Fairfax Ave. near the NCJW|LA Council House. She also reported that there are still ways for the Board to be further involved with the advocacy session that will take place following the event. Boardmembers Hyde and Moore agreed to serve on a subcommittee to assist with planning of the Board's involvement.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Moore wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Boardmember Salguero wished everyone Happy Holidays.


XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Fooks spoke about the Board's upcoming retreat session and their next meeting starting at 6:00 pm.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:34 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers/Public Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.



NOEMI TORRES, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY