

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
Location: West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069
1st Floor Community Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Eyres at 7:06 PM

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Member Jenner Deal
Board Member Melaney Lubey
Board Member Carla Romo
Board Member Silvia Salguero
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Vice Chair Amanda Smash-Hyde
Board Chair Karen Eyres

Absent: Board Member Tina Moore

Also Present: Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk
Maribel Louie, Director of Economic Development
Cleo Smith, Event & Film Services Manager
Megan Reath, Event & Film Services Supervisor
Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison
Moya Márquez, Recording Secretary

II. Approval of the January 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes was **motioned by Board Member Romo, seconded by Board Member Lubey, and approved with abstentions from Board Members Belich and Smash-Hyde.**

Approval of the November 16, 2017 Minutes was **motioned by Board Member Bleich, seconded by Board Member Sutton, and approved.**

III. Items from the Public

JOHN ERICKSON, West Hollywood, spoke on behalf of Hollywood NOW to thank the City, the Women's Advisory Board, and staff for their support in hosting the Vagina Monologues for V-Day. The event raised \$5,000 for Planned Parenthood.

IV. Special Presentation

- A. **City of West Hollywood's Legislative Priorities and Legislative Process**
The Women's Advisory Board received a presentation from Hernan Molina, the City of West Hollywood's Government Liaison, regarding the City's legislative priorities and legislative process.

ACTION: Received and filed.

V. **New Business**

- A. **National Campaign to End the Statute of Limitations on Rape and Sexual Assault**

The Women's Advisory Board received a presentation from Chelsea Byers, Chair of the national campaign to End the Statute of Limitations on Rape and Sexual Assault regarding the campaign and spoke on the current statute of limitations on rape and sexual assault across the country, noting that in some states, those limits range from 1-30 years. She encouraged the Board to sign and share petitions for each of the 32 states that still have statute of limitations on rape and sexual assault and announced an upcoming rally before the Academy Awards broadcast and a activist training later in March. Board Chair Eyres requested that staff share the information upcoming training in event notifications during Women's History Month.

ACTION: Received and filed.

- B. **Critical Mass Dance Company Healing Movement Class**

This item was pulled.

- C. **Recommendations from the Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee**

The Women's Advisory Board received a report from the members of the Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee of the Women's Advisory Board and Public Safety Commission on recommendations for consideration by the Board. Boardmember Bleich reported that the Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee last met on February 7th with members of the Public Safety Commission and had three recommendations for consideration

1. Recommended that the Only Yes Means Yes Campaign continue to be made visible and distributed through various channels.
2. Recommending information be added to the City's website and app to facilitate reporting of crime.
3. Recommending that there be two outreach events, one in April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month the second during the summer on Sunset Blvd. to disseminate information on the Only Yes Means Yes Campaign.

ACTION:

1. Approval of all three recommendations from the Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee with the express purpose of increasing awareness of the Only Yes Mean's Yes Campaign and women's safety issues. **Motioned by Board Member Salguero, Seconded by Board Vice Chair Smash-Hyde, and approved unanimously.**

D. Annual West Hollywood Kids Fair

Brief discussion of the Board's participation in the City's annual kids fair to be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 10 am – 2 pm at West Hollywood Park and agreed by consensus to participate again. Board Chair Eyres, Board Members Salguero and Lubey volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to plan the activity and staff at the book fair.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed. Designated a subcommittee.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. 25th Anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board

The Women's Advisory Board received updates from the Subcommittee regarding plans for the 25th anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board event scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th. Discussion included the programming, reception and budgeting considerations. The Subcommittee was designated will meet with staff to go over specific details on logistics and budgeting.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

B. National Women's History Month Celebration 2018

The Women's Advisory Board continued its discussion of the calendar of activities planned for National Women's History Month held during the month of March. Vice Chair Smash-Hyde, Boardmembers Deal, Lubey and Bleich volunteered to be presenters at the Women In Leadership Awards. The Board discussed moving their meeting so members could attend the WeHo Reads event on March 22nd.

ACTION:

1. Move the regularly scheduled Women's Advisory Board Meeting from Thursday, March 22nd to Thursday, March 29th. **Motioned by Bboard Member Belich, Seconded by Board Member Lubey, and approved unanimously.**

C. Board Retreat Follow up and Work Plan Discussion

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

VII. Legislation and Advocacy

The Women's Advisory Board received updates on its legislative and advocacy issues and information regarding advocacy opportunities.

Board Member Bleich spoke about an article she wrote that was recently posted on the Jewish Journal mentioned new developments with regards to human trafficking in the area.

Board Member Lubey spoke with Arissa Palmer of BreastFeed LA and invited her to speak to the Board about how they can become involved with breastfeeding advocates in Los Angeles.

Board Chair Eyres spoke about a project called Plan C that provides medication to women to provide “at-home” abortions in areas where women don’t have access to abortion services. She will be following up to invite them to come to an upcoming meeting.

VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

The Board received reports from board members who serve as liaisons to other city Boards and Commissions and other recognized bodies

Board Chair Eyres reported that she attended the last Transgender Advisory Board to speak about the involvement of trans individuals at the V-Day event.

Board Member Sutton reported that she will attend the next Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

ACTION: Received and filed.

IX. Monthly Reports to City Council

The Board designated Board Member Deal to report to the City Council

X. Subcommittee Liaison Reports

The Board heard feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and/or co-sponsored activities.

1. Women and Film Speaker Series
 - a. Nothing to report.
2. Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee
 - a. Nothing to report.
3. WAB Club: Women and Books
 - a. Nothing to report.
4. NCJW/LA 's Advocacy Training Project
 - a. Board Vice Chair Smash-Hyde reported that she was a panelist at the most recent Advocacy Training Project to speak on how to get appointed to a board or commission. She reported that there are six different Advocacy Training Workshops.
5. I Remember Nicole Video Project
 - a. Nothing to report.
6. The Vagina Monologues/V-Day Commemoration
 - a. The Board reported that the event raised \$5,000.
7. Channel Kindness Pop-Up Event
 - a. The Board reported that there is no date set for this event, but it will most likely take place in April.

ACTION: Received and filed.

XI. Items from the Public:

James Wen, Board Member of the City’s Transgender Advisory Board, spoke to advocate that the Women’s Advisory Board should use transgender-friendly venues for

the Women's Advisory Board 25th Anniversary Celebration. James also proposed that the Board offer its support to SB 396, which would require that employers with 50 or more employees provide training on policies involving harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

XII. Items from the Board:

Board Member Lubey shared that the National March for Moms Rally will be taking place on May 6th

Board Member Sutton thanked Board Chair Eyres for her work in planning the Vagina Monologues.

Board Member Deal attended a fundraiser in Palm Springs for the L Fund, which helps Lesbians in the Coachella Valley find social service agencies that serve them. Board Member Deal asked that the Board look out for organizations similar to the L Fund in LA so that they can be connected to some of the Board's social services partners.

Board Chair Eyres shared that the LA County Women and Girls Initiative is hosting a public conversation on how to make LA County a better place for women and girls. The Community Convening will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 9am to 12pm at the Zev Yaroslavsky Family Center in Van Nuys.

XIII. Items from the Staff.

None.

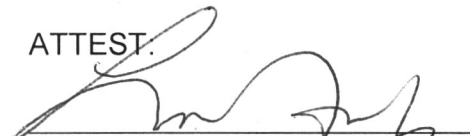
XIV. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:28 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled March 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood Library at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 29th DAY OF MARCH, 2018.


KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST.


LARISSA FOOKS,
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR