

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Location: West Hollywood Library - Community Meeting Room  
625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Eyres at 07:07 pm.

**A. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Board Member Carla Romo

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

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

Approval of the November 16, 2017 and February 22, 2018 minutes was **motioned by Board Member Smash-Hyde, seconded by Board Member Bleich, and approved unanimously.**

**III. Public Comment**

NOEMI TORRES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the Board for programming events for Women's History Month and spoke about programs offered by Ascencia.

JOHN ERICKSON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke to encourage the Board to support SB 320 and AB 1150.

MARY-LYN CHAMBERS, spoke about her short documentary film that explores the lives of women and minorities in film.

**IV. Special Presentation**

The Board received a presentation from Josh Kurpies, District Director, Office of Assemblymember Richard Bloom, regarding upcoming legislation and advocacy efforts.

Mr. Kurpies stated that the fastest and best way to reach the office of Assemblymember Bloom is through the contact form on the Assemblymember's website. He also presented a proclamation in honor of the Board's 25th Anniversary.

**ACTION:** No Action.

## V. **New Business:**

### A. **Live Love Thrive Women's Conference**

Catherine Gray presented on the past successes of the Live Love Thrive Women's Conference but informed the board that the focus of the Conference moving forward would be on the She Angeles, formerly called She Tank, and asked the Board to consider co-Sponsorship of She Angels, an investing program supporting women entrepreneurs. Co-Sponsorship would include hosting the event in the Council Chambers in February 2019, and promoting the conference.

**ACTION: Approval of the Co-Sponsorship request motioned by Board Member Smash-Hyde, seconded by Board Member Lubey, and approved, Yes-7, No-0 Abstentions -1 (Board Member Deal).**

### B. **12<sup>th</sup> Annual City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference Network**

The Board discussed its role and participation in the City's annual Women's Leadership Conference on May 6, 2018. Staff reported that the due to an overlap with the two-day United State of Women Summit on May 5 & 6, that the Conference day is now on May 6<sup>th</sup>, subject to further review. The Board also reported that they all individually purchased tickets to the United State of Women Summit and had a discussion on regarding attending the conference in their official capacity as Board Members.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- 1. Motion to notify Council that the Board is attending the United State of Women Summit on May 5, 2018 and requests: approval to attend in their official capacity as the Board, reimbursement of registration for themselves and other City Officials who participate in the Summit. Motioned by Board Member Smash-Hyde, seconded by Board Member Salguero, and approved unanimously.**
- 2. By consensus, the Board formed a Subcommittee to plan the Board's participation in the City's Women's Leadership Conference on May 6<sup>th</sup> comprised of Vice Chair Smash-Hyde, Board Members, Moore, Salguero and Bleich.**

## VI. **Unfinished Business**

### A. **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board**

The Board discussed the delay of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as previously planned and reported that the presenters previously scheduled to participate are still interested in participating at a future date. Board Chair Eyres reminded the Board that they should contribute to the working promotional campaign of creating 25 action items to share with attendees.

**ACTION: Gave direction to the Subcommittee regarding event dates and program for the 25th Anniversary celebration event.**

**B. National Women's History Month Celebration 2018**

The Board held a wrap-up discussion regarding the City's National Women's History Month programming and thanked the Event and Film Services Division staff for their hard work. It was reported that the Women in Leadership Awards event raised approximately \$1,800 for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking.

**ACTION: No Action.**

**C. Report from the Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee**

The Board received a report from the Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee, which is comprised of members from both the Women's Advisory Board and Public Safety Commission, regarding a revised recommendation about the promotion of the City's sexual assault awareness campaign, Only Yes Means Yes, for consideration of the Board. The Board discussed the revised Joint Women's Safety Subcommittee recommendation which suggests focusing on the creation of a selfie wall for the Only Yes Means Yes Campaign instead of an art mural.

**ACTION: Support the revised recommendation to support the creation of a selfie wall instead of an art mural for the Only Yes Means Yes campaign, motioned by Board Member Deal, seconded by Board Member Smash-Hyde and approved unanimously.**

**VII. Legislation & Advocacy**

**A. State Legislation Regarding Sexual Harassment:**

Staff shared general information about several bills including AB1870, SB 1038, SB 224, SB 1300

The Board reviewed and discussed active State legislation regarding sexual harassment. Board Member Sutton asked the Board and staff to track SB1038,

**ACTION: Review and discuss.**

**B. Legislative Updates:**

- Prioritized issues
- Legislative updates
- Information regarding advocacy opportunities

The Board tabled this discussion, but asked Staff to track SB320, AB1150, and AB264 in future legislative updates.

**ACTION: Provided direction to Staff to track SB320, AB1150, and AB264.**

**VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports**

The Board received brief reports from Board Members who serve as liaisons to other City Boards, Commissions, or other recognized bodies.

Board Member Sutton volunteered to serve as the liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

**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.

**Women and Film Speaker Series**

- The Board reported that the last event was well attended and focused on the topic of social impact filmmaking.

**Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee**

- No update.

**WAB Club: Women and Books**

- The next book to be discussed will be "The Tusk that Did the Damage" by Tania James.

**I Remember Nicole Video Project**

- No updates.

**Channel Kindness Pop-Up Event**

- Board Member Moore reported that the event is being planned for June.

**West Hollywood Kids Fair**

- Chairperson Eyres reported that their participation will consist of a table at the Kids Fair where children can make Mother's Day cards.

**XI. Items from the Public:**

None.

**XII. Items from the Board:**

Board Member Lubey announced that she is on the Committee for the Los Angeles March for Moms.

Board Member Bleich announced that a free screening of "Unlocking the Cage" will be held on April 6 at the Council Chambers.

Board Member Smash-Hyde spoke about meeting an activist who is organizing to ensure that local university campuses have an adequate number of rape kits.

Board Member Deal mentioned that she knows the founder of Test 400K who might be able to attend a future Board meeting to speak about the untested 400,000 rape kits across the nation and how local communities can get involved.

**XIII. Items from the Staff.**

Staff reminded the Board that the Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month outreach event is on April 15 from 2-4pm at the intersection Santa Monica/Palm.

Staff announced that the next Women in Film Speaker Series event will feature a screening of an episode of the "Handmaid's Tale" followed by a moderated panel, and reminded the Board that they have the ability to make announcements before each screening for Board-related events and announcements.

**XIV. Adjournment**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:17 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled April 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

  
KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS,  
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR