

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 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 07:12 pm.

A. Roll Call

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

Also Present: Event & Film Services Manager, Cleo Smith
Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the April 26, 2018 minutes was **motioned by Board Member Moore, Seconded by Vice Chair Smash Hyde, and approved unanimously.**

Approval of the June 22, 2017 minutes was **motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Vice Chair Smash Hyde, and approved.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

JOHN ERICKSON, West Hollywood, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Member, is the liaison to the Women's Advisory Board and spoke in support of Women's Equality Day and SB 320.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mike Aguilera, District Representative, Office of Congressman Adam B. Schiff discussed current activities regarding legislation and advocacy efforts. Specifically, Mr. Aguilera reported on Congressman Schiff's history of protecting Title X from efforts to defund it and the new "gag rule" on Title X proposed by the U.S. Federal Health and Human Services Department that would prohibit any employee from an NGO receiving Title X funding from bringing up abortion as an option for a patient, until a patient brings it up as an alternative first. Mr. Aguilera reported that the U.S. Federal Health and Human Services Department is receiving public comment until July 31 and encouraged the Board to reach out to the community and encourage the public to oppose the gag rule.

Mr. Aguilera also discussed the federal legislative process, and stated that the bill introduction period and committee review period are usually both the best times to offer support for a bill.

ACTION: Review and Discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LA County Women & Girls Initiative

The Board briefly reviewed progress reports about the implementation of the LA County's Women and Girls Initiative and discussed ways to participate in the ongoing initiative. Board Chair Eyres reported on her participation at a community convening about the initiative for the 3rd County district, which encompasses West Hollywood. Staff provided a list of suggested ways to become more involved in the initiative.

ACTION: The Board agreed by consensus to request that a representative from the LA County Women & Girl's Initiative be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting.
Review and Discuss.

B. Women's Equality Day

The Board discussed ideas for the City's celebration of Women's Equality Day to commemorate the ratification of the 19th amendment which granted women the right to vote in the United States..

ACTIONS:

- 1) Recommendation that the Board collaborate with the Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board on a program that includes the screening of the documentary film "Seeing Allred" and a panel discussion. **Motioned by Board Member Deal, seconded by Vice Chair Smash Hyde, and approved unanimously.**
- 2) Designation of a subcommittee comprised of Vice Chair Smash-Hyde, Board Member Lubey and Board Member Sutton.

C. Association of California Commissions for Women Annual Meeting

The Board discussed their participation in the upcoming Association of California Commissions for Women annual meeting on August 4th at Peace Over Violence from 8:30 am – 10:30 am

There was a brief discussion about Board participation in the National Association of Commissions for Women conference, will be held in Los Angeles this year August 1-4th. Chair Eyres and Vice Chair Smash Hyde volunteered to attend if funding was available to cover the registration fees.,

ACTIONS:

- 1) Chair Eyres, Vice Chair Smash Hyde, and Board Members Moore, Bleich, and Salguero confirmed they would attend the annual Association of California Commissions for Women meeting on August 4th.

- 2) Request that the City of West Hollywood provide funds to send two WAB representatives to the national Association of Commissions for Women conference. **Motioned by Vice Chair Smash Hyde, seconded by Board Member Romo, and approved unanimously.**

D. Board Meeting Schedule

The Board held a discussion about upcoming Board meeting dates in July – December 2018 Staff reminded the Board about the annual officer elections that will be held at the July 26th Board meeting.

ACTION: Rescheduling of the November 28th meeting to November 13th, the December 27th meeting to December 13th, and designating the November meeting as the annual televised Board meeting and the December meeting as the annual retreat meeting. **Motioned by Board Member Romo, seconded by Board Member Bleich, and approved unanimously.**

E. Board Work Plan Review and Update Process

Staff briefly discussed the review and update process of the Board's two year work plan. A work plan evaluation form will be provided to the Board prior to the next meeting to give feedback on the 2016-2018 work plan.

ACTION: Received and filed.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

The Board discussed the recent event *From Riot Grrrls to Nasty Women* held on May 15th to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the City of West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board. The general consensus of the Board was that the event was both successful and inspiring.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. 12th Annual City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference

The Board discussed and provided feedback regarding their participation in the City's annual Women's Leadership Conference on May 6, 2018. The Board reported that the feedback they heard from the audience was that the event was empowering and fantastic.

ACTION: Received and filed.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

Staff reported that the list of state bills that are being tracked by the Board are still moving forward with the exception of SB 1150 . The following bills are being tracked:

A. State Legislation Regarding Sexual Harassment:

- AB 1870 would extend the filing period from one year to three years for which complaints alleging unlawful employment or housing practices may be filed with the department.
- SB 1038 clarifies that law so that a person that retaliates against survivors to silence or intimidate them cannot escape liability.
- SB 224 clarifies that sexual harassment by investors, elected officials, lobbyists, directors and producers is prohibited.
- SB 1300 includes several important reforms to protect workers' rights and combat sexual harassment.

B. State Legislation Regarding Women's Health:

- SB 320 would express findings and declarations of the Legislature relating to the availability of abortion by medication techniques at on-campus student health centers at public postsecondary educational institutions in the state.
- Breastfeed LA 2018 Policy Agenda: SB 937, AB 1976, AB 2785 regarding lactation accommodations in workplace and schools and AB 2507 - regarding breastfeeding support in jails.

C. State Legislation Regarding Violence Against Women/Women's Safety:

- AB 334 extends the statute of limitations for civil liability based on sexual assault
- AB 900 would provide Victim Compensation for Human Trafficking Victims via the state fund the Victim Compensation Program (VCP)

D. State Legislation Regarding Discrimination:

- SB1150: This bill would require all state agencies, in consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, to conduct an evaluation of their own departments to ensure that the state does not discriminate against women through the allocation of funding and the delivery of services. It is a State agency implementation of CEDAW, the UN Convention Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

ACTION: Recommend that the City Council support the list of state legislation regarding sexual harassment, women's health and violence/safety that has been reviewed by the Board. **Motioned by Board Member Salguero, seconded by Vice Chair Smash Hyde, and approved unanimously.**

E. Legislative Updates:

The Board received updates regarding the efforts to pass the ERA and about local human trafficking awareness advocacy.

Board Member Sutton reported that she has been attending ERA Now meetings to engage in advocacy work for the ratification of the ERA. She informed the Board that they can reach out the organization's website and social media channels to review upcoming advocacy actions. This group meets every Monday at the Feminist Majority headquarters.

Staff reported on an advocacy opportunity regarding support of Planned Parenthood and mentioned they will invite someone from Planned Parenthood to a future WAB meeting.

Chair Eyres asked what the Board could do in support of the

ACTION: Received and filed.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

There were no reports from board members who serve as liaisons to other city Boards and Commissions and other recognized bodies.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Board designated Vice Chair Smash Hyde to report to the City Council.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

A. Feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities

1. Women In Film Speaker Series

a. No report

2. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

a. The next outreach event for "Yes Means Yes" is scheduled for August 18th.

3. WAB Club: Women And Books

a. The next meeting's book will be "Lucky Boy" by Shanti Sekaran.

4. I Remember Nicole Video Project

a. No updates.

5. Channel Kindness Pop-Up Event

a. No report.

6. She Angel's (formerly Live Love Thrive Women's Conference)

a. The planning committee recently met and is considering having the event at UCLA with a social activity held in West Hollywood.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NOEMI TORRES, West Hollywood resident, Board Member for the non-profit Acencia, announced and upcoming fundraiser on August 15th at Hamburger Mary's.

JOHN ERICKSON, West Hollywood resident and Commissioner of the California Commission for Women, thanked the Board for their recommendations in support of SB 320 and announced his new job as Director of Public Affairs of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles.

LAUREN BUISSON, commented that it was hard to follow along the meeting agenda and suggested that there be more explanation of the discussion topics for the audience.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Deal commented about an organizational called Feed the Bid that is

working with all the major advertising agencies to pledge to have women included in the process to provide more opportunities.

Board Member Romo announced an upcoming workshop she is hosting next month.

Board Member Lubey commented about attending the drag queen story hour at the West Hollywood Library and highly recommended it.

Board Member Sutton commented about the Dyke March and marking in the pride parade with the Stonewall Democratic Club.

Board Member Eyres announced that she is has a new job and that there will be a poster making party tomorrow night at the LA Democratic Campaign Headquarters for people participating in the upcoming Families Belong Together March on June 30th.

XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

None

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:25 p.m. to their next special scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 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 JULY, 2017.


KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST:


LARISSA FOOKS, STAFF LIAISON