

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

THURSDAY, November 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Community Conference Room
West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Meeting of October 23, 2008

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board for two (2) minutes on any issue of interest.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship Opportunities with the National Council of Jewish Women/ LA, NCJW/LA (5 -10 min)

Ruth Williams, Director of Advocacy for NCJW/LA will discuss some of their upcoming activities. The Board will discuss ways to collaborate and support programming and advocacy efforts with NCJW/LA.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

- B. Ms. Magazine's Feminist Ideas for Real Change (5 - 10 min)**
Discussion of *Ms. Magazine's* call for ideas for change from feminists around the country to forward to President-Elect Obama. The best submitted ideas will be published in the January issue of *Ms. Magazine*.
Recommendation: Review and discuss.

- C. Women's Leadership Conference (5 min)**
Brief report from staff regarding plans for the 3rd annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference on March 20-21, 2009. Discussion of ways the Board can participate.
Recommendation: Review and discuss.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Roe v. Wade Commemoration (5 min)**
Discussion of ways to commemorate the 36th Anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States.
Recommendation: Review and discuss.

- B. Women's History Month 2009 (10-15 min)**
Discussion of new programming ideas for the City's annual commemoration of Women's History Month. Members will sign up for subcommittees.
Recommendation: Review and discuss. Designate subcommittees.

- C. Community Self Defense Class (2 min)**
Brief follow-up regarding a self defense class co-sponsored by the WAB on Saturday, October 25th from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm at Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park.
Recommendation: Review and discuss.

- D. Honoring Women's Voices (2 min)**
Brief wrap-up report about the recent screening of the controversial film *Hounddog* with the Director Deborah Kampmeier, co-sponsored by the WAB.
Recommendation: Review and discuss.

- E. Back Log of DNA Rape Kits (5 min)**
Brief updates regarding the backlog of unanalyzed DNA rape kits in both the LA County Sheriff Department and the Los Angeles Police Department.
Recommendation: Review and discuss

- VI. Legislative & Policy Issues Subcommittee (5 min)**
Report and recommendations from the subcommittee regarding various state and federal legislative issues and policies.
Recommendation: Receive and file. Consider taking action as needed.

VII. AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Brief updates from Board's ad hoc subcommittees.

VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

Brief reports from boardmembers who serve as liaisons to other city Boards and Commissions.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD: (5-10 min)

Brief remarks from Advisory Board members

X. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF: (2 min)

Staff will update the Women's Advisory Board on issues within the Board's purview.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourn to their next regularly scheduled meeting at 7pm on **January 22, 2008** the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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