

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

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 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 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
Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck
Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez

II. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Approval of the June 28, 2018 minutes was **motioned by Board Member Smash Hyde, seconded by Board Member Sutton**, and approved unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALEXIS SANCHEZ, the chair of the Transgender Advisory Board, introduced herself to the Board and spoke about inter-board collaboration.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A: Annual Election of Officers

The Board held an election for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Boardmember Smash Hyde was nominated for the position of Chair and elected by a unanimous vote. Boardmembers Lubey and Boardmember Eyres were both nominated for the position of vice chair. Boardmember Lubey was elected vice chair by a vote of 5-4.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Election of Board Member Smash-Hyde to the position of Board Chair.
- 2) Election of Board Member Melany Lubey to the position of Board Vice Chair.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Women's Equality Day

The Board discussed planning 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. The Subcommittee reported back on several ideas including the importance of reaching out to other boards and commissions and recruiting of male allies to attend. The event will include call to action components on the passing the ERA, SCOTUS and GOTV efforts as well as a pledge wall interactive created by the Board and the creation of a ERA PSA featuring Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board members and Women's Advisory Board members. The Board also gave feedback regarding the event promotional flyer. Boardmembers signed up to complete various tasks.

ACTION:

1) Receive and file a report from the Women's Equality Day subcommittee, which confirmed the date selection of August 26.

B. 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. Board Members Moore, Belich, Lubey, and Eyres confirmed that they will attend the meeting.

ACTION: None.

C. Board Work Plan Review and Update

The Board briefly discussed the review and update process of the Board's two year work plan. Staff distributed the preliminary results of an electronic survey sent out to the Board to self-evaluate how the Board's 2016-2018 workplan in fulfilling the Board's work plan goals. The Board agreed by consensus to schedule work plan update discussion for their September meeting. Board Chair Eyres asked for the remaining 3 board members to respond to the work plan survey, so that staff can recalculate the responses with a full response rate.

ACTION: Received and filed.

VI. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

The Board reviewed and discussed state and federal legislation.

A. State Legislation

- At its June 2018 meeting, the Board made a recommendation to the City Council to consider supporting a list of state legislation regarding sexual harassment- AB 1870, SB 1038, SB 224 and 1300; women's health- SB 320 , SB 937, AB 1976, AB and AB, and violence/safety - AB 900 and AB 334; State Legislation Regarding Violence Against Women/Women's Safety- AB 334 and AB 900 and discrimination - SB1150 that had been reviewed by the Board. Staff reported that all the bills were moving forward or otherwise had some sort of traction since the Board's last meeting with the exception of SB1150. The City's Governmental Affairs Liaison will be invited to return to provide updates on the City's legislative priorities and the list of WAB-tracked legislation. Board Member Deal requested that SB 826 be included on

future agendas. SB 826 would require that all California-based public companies add at least one female board member to their boards by the end of 2019.

A. Federal Legislation & Policy

Board Member Lubey reported on the United States government opposition to a United Nations resolution supporting the practice of breastfeeding. She also asked for the Board to track S.1112 – the Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017 which would establish a maternal health review to research rates of maternal deaths during childbirth. Staff shared a list of bill regarding federal immigration policy concerning children being separated from their parents which included Family Unity Rights and Protection Act, H.R. 6236, the Keep Families Together Act, S.3036 and the Help Separated Children Act, H.R. 5950, which would protect children affected by immigration enforcement actions.

B. Additional Legislative and Advocacy Updates:

1. WAB Prioritized Issues

- Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment - Updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERANow Campaigns

Board Chair Eyres reported that the #ERANow group meets every Monday at the Feminist Majority and they are working on developing a social media toolkit for the ERA that may be of interest to WAB.

- Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention

Board Member Bleich spoke about awareness and prevention efforts related to Human Trafficking. She reported that the NCJW/LA is leading a trafficking awareness activity focusing in East Los Angeles and reminded the Board that NCJW/LA also provides training on trafficking awareness.

- Breastfeeding/Lactation – Workplace Accommodation

Board Member Lubey talked about the importance of workplaces offering safe breastfeeding spaces for their employees – and inquired if City Hall provides such facilities. Staff reported that they will follow up.

2. Title X Status Update – No Update

Staff also reminded the Board that July 31 is the comment deadline set by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the proposed gag rule for abortions. It was also noted that threats to Title X can also adversely affect transgender women.

3. Title IX – No Update

4. City Council Legislative Actions - No update.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

D. Information regarding advocacy opportunities.

Board Member Lubey reported that the NCJW/LA is holding training for Reproductive Justice Advocacy 101 training on Sept 5th.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

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 Board Chair Eyres 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 and staff is meeting to finalize the details.

3. WAB Club: Women And Books

a. The next meeting's book will be "Red Clocks" by Leni Zumas.

4. I Remember Nicole Video Project

a. The video project's rollout plan will be introduced in October and will consist of events throughout the year, leading to a larger event on June 2019.

5. She Angels (formerly Live Love Thrive Women's Conference)

a. No update.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Smash-Hyde reported that she is working on an op-ed to spur discussion on requiring landlord to provide air conditioning units in bedrooms.

Board Member Romo reported that the Nevertheless documentary is traveling to Sacramento to film more interviews.

Board Chair Eyres reported that at the NOW Conference in San Jose, John Erickson was elected to the national board for NOW and Ivy Bottini was given the Women of Courage award. She thanked the Board for her time as Chair.

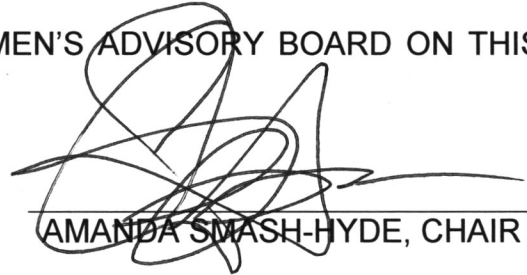
XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks thanked Board Chair Eyres for her service as the Board Chair. She also reported that the Women in Leadership Conference's Mini Film Festival has been rescheduled to October 9th.

Corri Planck congratulated Karen Eyres for serving as the Board Chair. She also reported that the City will be undergoing reorganization of the Board's supervisory division and indicated that the Board will transfer from the Events & Film Services Division to the Strategic Initiatives Division.

- XIV. ADJOURNMENT:** The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:06 p.m. to their next meeting scheduled on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.



AMANDA SMASH-HYDE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS,
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR