

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
City Hall 1st Floor Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Smash Hyde at 7:03 PM

A. Roll Call

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

Absent: n/a

Also Present: Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck
Staff Liaison. Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez
Professional Support Service Specialist, Jenny Ivanova

2. Approval of the January 31, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the January 31, 2019 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Deal, and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the December 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Sutton, and approved.

4. Public Comment

James Wen spoke about the City Council Feb 4th agenda item 2.S regarding safe cities. He asked the Advisory Board to endorse "I AM JAZZ" the story of a transgender child. James mentioned that they are still looking for a keynote reader. I AM JAZZ reading scheduled for Feb 28th.

Kala Maxym announced an annual event for Women's History Month, her company Five Senses tasting, V Wine Room, Eos Chocolates, and hosts The League of Women

Voters of Los Angeles. This year the event is called A Women's Voice: The Silence Breakers. The event will take place on Sunday, March 24th

New Business

A. Arts and Cultural Programming for Women's History Month

Andrew Campbell, Arts Manager of the City's Arts Division reported on art and culture projects that could be considered/branded for Women's History Month which included public art displays and performances.

B. LA-County Women & Girls Initiative 100 year Anniversary Celebration of 19th Amendment

Board member Eyres and staff attended the LA-County Women & Girls Initiative, for a regional activity to commemorate the 100 year Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which granted women the right to vote. Board member Eyres and Lubey were appointed to be liaisons to attend future meetings that are held the second Thursday of the month.

5. Unfinished Business

A. National Women's History Month Celebration 2019

Board members discussed the calendar of events planned for National Women's History Month.

B. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy – Family Court System

Board member Lubey spoke regarding the issue of domestic violence and victimization within the Family Court System that was shared at a previous Board meeting by local advocates. Board members Lubey, Eyres and Romo volunteered to view the film *What Doesn't kill Me* about the issue and report back.

C. Women's Advisory Board Retreat Meeting Follow up

Corri Planck gave a brief update regarding scheduling presentations at upcoming meetings about the City's social services and providers.

6. Legislation & Advocacy

A. State Legislation & Policy

Staff gave a brief recap of the Board's current process for reviewing state legislation.

B. Federal Legislation & Policy

The Board received an update about the status of the proposed Title IX Changes regarding sexual assault and the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA.

C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

The Board received updates about additional legislation and advocacy issues that have been prioritized by the Board.

- A member of the public Alissa Norby spoke about personal accounts of sexual assault related incidents in the nightclub environment and suggested ways to address it through a safe bar/nightclub program.

Boardmembers Sutton reported that the #ERANow Campaign is working in both Virginia and Arizona.

- Boardmember Bleich reported on recent City Council actions regarding human trafficking awareness and prevention.
- Breastfeeding/Lactation – Workplace Accommodation – Staff reported that the Board’s recommendation is pending referral to the City Council.

7. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

Boardmember Eyres reported about attending an Artists Roundtable Meeting hosted by the City’s Arts Division.

8. Monthly Reports to City Council

Board Member Eyres was designated to report to the City Council for the January 2019 meeting.

9. Subcommittee Liaison Reports

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

- 1. Women In Film Speaker Series** – No report
- 2. Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee** – Next meeting is Feb 13th . The nightclub safety issue brought up by Alissa Norby will be referred to the subcommittee.
- 3. WAB Club: Women And Books** – Next meeting is Feb 5th on “*Sworn Virgin*”
- 4. The Vagina Monologues** – Boardmembers were invited to participate in the V-Day presentation at the February 4th City council meeting.
- 5. Advocacy Training Project** – Mel Lubey will be attending the February 10th workshop on advocating for legislation.
- 6. Roe AT 46: A Night of Resistance + Stories of Resilience #Roeat46** Board members Eyres and Sutton gave favorable feedback about the event.
- 7. She Angels:** Boardmember Deal reported back regarding the strategy of splitting up She Angels into two separate events to be held in March and October 2019.

10. Public Comment

None.

11. Items from the Board:

Board member Deal announced her 1 year anniversary on the Board and expressed how blessed she is to be on the Board.

Boardmember Moore commented that the Women's March was absolutely amazing,

Boardmember Salguero grateful for being here because she has been a caregiver and coming to this board is her "me" time, creating change and changing lives.

Boardmember Romo announced that helping filmmaker Sarah Mashman create a fundraiser to help fund her documentary about sexual harassment in the work place & Board member Romo is interested in having Sarah come and speak about her film.

Boardmember Sutton remarked that the women's march rocked.

Boardmember Eyres spoke about the upcoming elections on March 5 and urged members to get out and engage and vote. She announced that the City's annual kids fair was coming up, commented about participating in the homeless count, a vacancy for Friends of West Hollywood Library Board and announced that Ivy Bottini will be leaving West Hollywood and extends her best wishes to the WAB well.

12. Items from the Staff.

Corri Planck thanked Boardmembers Eyres and Bleich for their participation in the homeless count. She announced that the City was awarded 300k in Measure H funds and will be participating in the May 18 Unite Home Walk.

15. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:11pm to their next regular meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7 pm in the West Hollywood City Hall 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 28th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.



Melaney Lubey, Co-Chair

ATTEST:

LARISSA FOOKS,
STAFF LIAISON

