

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE MEETING***

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Deal at 7:05 PM.

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Member Karen Eyres
Board Member Nicole Payton
Board Member Tina Moore
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Member Timothea Tway
Board Vice Chair Angela de Silva
Board Chair Jenner Deal

Absent: None

Also, Present: Staff Liaison. Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Jenny Ivanova

B. Approval of the November 19, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the November 19, 2020 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Payton, and approved unanimously.

C. Approval of the October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the October 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member de Silva, seconded by Board Member Chair Deal, and approved unanimously with Board Member Bleich and Board Member Moore abstaining.

D. Public Comment:

None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation from Journey Out:

Journey Out shared information about the organization's work helping victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking and ways to support their efforts.

ACTION: Received and Filed.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WAB Women's Safety Subcommittee Report

The Women's Safety Subcommittee regarding human trafficking prevention and awareness advocacy recommendations, including commemoration of National Slavery and Trafficking Awareness Month.

ACTION: Board Member Eyres made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Women's Safety Subcommittee regarding human trafficking prevention and awareness advocacy actions. The motion was seconded by Board Member Payton and passed unanimously.

B. National Women's History Month 2021

The Board discussed programming and planning ideas for celebrating National Women's History Month 2021. The discussion focused on the Board's annual activities including National Women's History Month Banner and selection process, a digital pivot for the Women In Leadership Awards & Reception, options for Women's History Month displays highlighting a theme for the month that honors the resilience and leadership of women; In development is a new idea to celebrate the birthday of Ruth Bader Ginsburg on March 15, 2021 as well as an annually commemoration.

ACTION: Reviewed and Discussed.

C. Board Workplan Review

Board discussion of the 2018-2020 workplan evaluation survey and subcommittee report regarding suggested priorities for the 2020-2022 Board workplan.

ACTION: The Board designated members to serve on two new ad hoc subcommittees: A Legislation & Policy Subcommittee with Vice-Chair de Silva and Board Member Tway and a Communication/Social Media Subcommittee with Chair Deal and Vice-Chair de Silva.

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

1. Discussion regarding the state legislation.

ACTION: No Action.

2. Discussion of federal legislation of interest.

ACTION: No Action.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative.

None

2. City Board & Commission Reports.

Board Member Eyres invited everyone to attend Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) hosted virtual on December 20 at 6pm.

ACTION: Received and filed.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Board Member Vice-Chair de Silva was designated to report to the City Council in November 2020.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Women In Film Speaker Series

No report

2. WAB Club: Women And Books

Board Member Eyres invited everyone to sign up to read "The Portable Dorothy Parker, Part I" by Dorothy Parker, book club will be meeting on December 1st at 7pm.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wes Segmiller, Director of Sex Worker Outreach Project Los Angeles and a former LGBT outreach liaison for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, spoke about International Day Against Sex Workers on December 17th. He also spoke about Decrim California Coalition's efforts for legislation to decriminalized loitering which affects the sex worker community. He also encouraged the Board to get input from the sex worker community regarding human trafficking legislation.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Sutton shared information fundraising efforts for the annual City X 1 Big Feast in November and Tamale Jam in December that support local LGBT youth.

Board Member Eyres spoke about the annual Roe v. Wade commemoration event led by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles will have its first planning meeting on November 23rd and encouraged participation.

Board Member Bleich expressed her condolences to Board Member Moore regarding the recent passing of her sister. Announced that she is returning to the corporate work soon. Encouraged anyone interested in supporting the donation drive for Journey Out to contact her.

Board Member Patton thanked Recording Secretary Jenny Ivanova for sharing information on how to volunteer for the LA LGBT Center and shared that she and her husband will be participating.

Board Member Tway thanked Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks and Vice Chair de Silva for their efforts with the Work Plan Subcommittee and expressed for her excitement about the work that will be upcoming over the next year. She wished Board Member Bleich a happy birthday.

Board Member Moore thanked everyone for their kind words, expressed appreciation for being back. She remarked upon her sister's passion for women's rights and access to healthcare for women that she pledges to continue. Wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Vice Chair de Silva expressed her condolences to Board Member Moore. She wished Board Member Bleich a happy birthday and thanked Board Member Tway for her organizing expertise on the work plan. She confirmed that she will be attending the

upcoming Roe v. Wade planning meeting on behalf of the Board. She commented about being honored to be part of the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Chair Deal expressed her condolences to Board Member Moore. She wished Board Member Bleich happy birthday and thanked staff for all their work for the Board. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks thanked the Board for their work and patience. She also thanked Board Member Tway and Vice Chair de Silva for their work with the work plan updating process. She shared information regarding commission and advisory board appointments and reappointments.

14. Adjournment:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:22 pm in memory of Tammi Moore Georgi, beloved sister of Board Member Tina Moore, to their next Special Teleconference meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.



JENNER DEAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:

JENNY IVANOVA,
RECORDING SECRETARY