

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 Angela de Silva
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Member Timothea Tway
Board Vice-Chair Jenner Deal
Board Chair Melaney Lubey

Absent: None

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

B. Approval of the October 22, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the October 22, 2020 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Payton, and approved unanimously.

C. Approval of the September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the September 24, 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:

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WAB Women's Safety Subcommittee Report

Board Member Bleich provided information about human trafficking during Covid-19 as well as human trafficking statistics for 2020. The Board received information, discussed, and asked questions.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. National Women’s History Month 2021

The Board received information from the Women’s History Month Subcommittee regarding ways to commemorate the City’s annual celebration of National Women’s History Month to be held March 2021.

ACTION: Board Member Tway motioned to reach out to other City Boards to invite their participation in collaborating for Women’s History Month, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved by consensus.

C. Board Workplan Review

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

ACTION: Reviewed and Discussed.

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Brief update regarding the status of the Equal Rights Amendment and discussion of support for the Equal Means Equals efforts for ERA ratification.

ACTION: Board Member Eyres made a motion to recommend that the City support the Equal Means Equal’s federal lawsuit for the adoption of the ERA as a friend of the court. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lubey and passed unanimously.

2. General discussion of issue topics and specific legislative priorities.

None

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

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

Board Member Eyres urged everyone to review the recent town hall forums presented by the LA County Women and Girls Initiative.

2. City of West Hollywood Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) Report.

Board Member Eyres and Board Member Bleich shared updates and comments about the Census.

3. City Board & Commission Reports.

None

ACTION: Received and filed.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Board Member Moore was designated to report to the City Council in October 2020.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series**

No report

2. **WAB Club: Women And Books**

No report. Board Member Eyres is planning to attend in December. Books are available in advance both printed and audio books.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Eyres commented about items on the recent City Council meeting agenda including support for the no-cost menstrual product program at City facilities, commemoration of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the potential impact of a new policy in development limiting city co-sponsorships with organizations that endorse candidates for city council elections.

Board Member Lubey announced her resignation from the Women's Advisory Board effective this meeting and will be moving to Ventura. She expressed gratitude for her experience serving on the Board and appreciation for fellow Board Members.

Board Member Bleich expressed her thanks to Board Members Moore and Lubey for their recent support and announced that she would be possibly returning to her former employer.

Board Member Payton commented about October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Board Member Moore reminded everyone to vote.

Board Member Tway commented about the housing element update that local cities, including the City of West Hollywood are working on and suggested that the Board look at how women and families are treated as an area of focus.

Vice Chair de Silva thanked Board Member Lubey for her leadership and mentorship.

Chair Deal expressed her appreciation to Board Member Lubey for her mentorship and service and extended best wishes. She also made remarks in recognition of longtime resident and Senior Advisory Board Member Marty Strudler who recently passed away.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks thanked Board Member Lubey for her wonderful contributions and service to the Board. She also commented about the new co-sponsorship policy in development.

14. Adjournment:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:09 pm to their next Special Teleconference meeting on Thursday, November 19, 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