

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
TUESDAY AUGUST 31, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair de Silva at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Jenner Deal, Keely Field, Angela de Silva, Nicole Payton, Tina Moore and Timothea Tway

ABSENT: Danielle Nisim, Melissa Purner and Sajji Lazarus

ALSO PRESENT: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 31, 2021

ACTION: Approval of the August 31, 2021, Meeting Agenda was **motioned by Boardmember Field, seconded by Vice Chair Deal and approved unanimously.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2021

ACTION: Approval of the June 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes was **motioned by Vice Chair Deal, seconded by Boardmember Moore and approved unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 22, 2021

ACTION: Approval of the July 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes was **motioned by Boardmember Tway, seconded by Chair de Silva and approved unanimously.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

ALISSA NORBY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident, spoke about recent reports of incidents of people being roofied in West Hollywood that went viral on social media with millions of views, spoke about being roofied herself in the past and 2 other incidents, commented about speaking to the Board previously two years ago, asked if more could be done by the Board moving forward to address the issue. (Agenda Item 10.i)

MONICA GUEVARA, WEST HOLLYWOOD, 25-year resident, spoke about being roofied recently in West Hollywood, her experiences as a woman with the City's bar culture and urged the Board to address the safety issue. (Agenda Item 10.i)

E. Alison, 30-year resident, introduced herself to the Board, commented about her experiences with reporting safety concerns. (Agenda Item 10.i)

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY NAMING REQUEST

In accordance with the City's Naming Policy, the Women's Advisory Board considered a formal inquiry by the Public Facilities Commission to provide an evaluation and recommendation on a request to rename the West Hollywood Library in honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Board members spoke in support of the naming request and its significance.

ACTION: Boardmember Moore made a motion in support of moving forward with the West Hollywood Library naming request which was seconded by Boardmember Field. The motion was unanimously passed by roll call vote.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVAL PROCESS

Staff provided information regarding the City Clerk's new approval policy regarding the formation of board and commission subcommittees. The Board's list of current subcommittees were submitted for approval.

ACTION: No Action. Received and filed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. IVY BOTTINI DAY

The Board had a brief feedback discussion about the Ivy Bottini Day commemoration activities on August 16, 2021, with the presentation at the City Council meeting and on August 18, 2021, virtual "Zoom-Zine" event held in honor of the late feminist icon and LGBTQ activist. Favorable comments were made by Board members who attended and by those who served on the joint planning subcommittee.

ACTION: No Action. Received and filed.

B. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The Board had a brief feedback discussion about the Women's Equality Day – WeHo Takeover pop-up activity held on August 28, 2021 at the intersection on Santa Monica Blvd and San Vicente Blvd. The activity commemorated women winning the right to vote and the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The activity was well received by the public.

ACTION: No Action. Received and filed.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

- 1. LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative**
No report.
- 2. WeHo Climate Action Plan**
No report.
- 3. City Board & Commission Reports**
No report.
- 4. California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**
Staff requested feedback from the Board regarding a couple survey questions from the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.
- 5. Association of California Commissions for Women**
No report.

ACTION: Received and filed.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Boardmember Tway will report back to the City Council for August 2021.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

i. WOMEN'S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

Boardmember Tway summarized notes from the last subcommittee meeting. Public comments were made (listed above under Item 5) and there was discussion by the Board regarding various topics in the subcommittee report including nightlife safety and general safety concerns impacting women. Regarding roofied incidents, in addition to the public comments, Boardmember Field spoke about her engagement with survivors, advocacy efforts on behalf of survivors, a database she created documenting reports from survivors and the need for solutions.

ii. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tabled.

iii. LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE

It was suggested that the subcommittee reconvene after the deadline for the Governor to sign bills on October 10th. Boardmember Field spoke about her recent participation in NCJW/LA's lobby days and stated that she will be speaking at an Advocacy Training Project session about board and commission service in November.

iv. WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES

No report.

v. WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS

No report.

ACTION: The Board agreed by consensus to prioritize space on their September 23rd meeting agenda to focus on nightlife safety pertaining to roofed incidents/sexual assault/ support for survivors, and to consider working forming a joint solution-oriented subcommittee with the Public Safety Commission.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Tway thanked the public speakers for sharing their stories and stated that the Board needs to hear more from people affected by the things the Board can do in order to continue to make positive change in the community.

Boardmember Moore agreed with Boardmember Tway's comments and congratulated Chair de Silva for a great first meeting.

Boardmember Payton commented that it was a first great meeting on a moving and heavy topic that she is looking forward to working on it more.

Boardmember Field commented that she invited the public speakers and thanked Alissa Norby and Monica Guevara for attending. She also thanked Chair de Silva and the Board for their support.

Vice Chair Deal commented that it was powerful to have people come address the Board. Thanked Boardmember Field for inviting speakers.

Chair de Silva thanked everyone for their patience with her first meeting as chair. She thanked Boardmember Field and the Women's Safety Subcommittee and stated that she is excited to get stuff done.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:05 pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 7:00pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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ANGELA DE SILVA, CHAIR

ATTEST:

Larissa Fooks

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