

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
THURSDAY OCTOBER 28, 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: Keely Field, Angela de Silva, Nicole Payton, Danielle Nisim, Melissa Purner,

ABSENT: Sajji Lazarus, Tina Moore, Timothea Tway

ALSO PRESENT: Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and Jenny Ivanova, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 28, 2021

ACTION: Approval of the October 28, 2021, Meeting Agenda was **motioned by Boardmember Field, seconded by Boardmember Payton, and approved unanimously.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

ACTION: Tabled.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES FOR BIPOC, WOMEN-OWNED, LGBTQ-OWNED, AND CITY RESIDENT SMALL BUSINESSES

Paolo Kespradit, Management Analyst, and Tara Worden, Business Development Analyst, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the initiative in

development with the West Hollywood Chamber about support and incentives for BIPOC, women-owned, LGBTQ-owned, and city resident small businesses.

ACTION: Reviewed and filed.

B. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

The Board discussed their participation in the City's annual recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

ACTION: Board Member Field made a motion to create a subcommittee seconded by Board Member Payton and approved by roll call vote. Subcommittee formed Board Field, Board Member Nisim, Board Chair de Silva.

C. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2022

The Board discussed the City's celebration of National Women's History Month held during March, and a subcommittee was formed.

ACTION: Board Member Field made a motion to create a subcommittee which was, seconded by Board Member Payton and approved by roll call vote. Subcommittee formed Board Field.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board elected a new Vice-Chair.

ACTION: Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Board Member Nisim nominated Board Member Field. Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, stated there were no other nominations and pronounced Board Member Field as Vice-Chair.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW UP

Review of discussion notes, workplan updates and next steps from the Board's retreat meeting held in July.

ACTION: Tabled.

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**
Board Member Field attended the Public Safety Commission and got to form relationships to work on the Public Safety in the nightlife in West Hollywood.
- 4. California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**
No report.
- 5. Association of California Commissions for Women**
No report.

ACTION: No report.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Board Member Nisim will report back to the City Council for October 2021.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

- i. **WOMEN'S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**
No Report.
- ii. **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
No report.
- iii. **LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE**
The subcommittee will meet before the following month's meeting to gather their update to the Board.
- iv. **JOINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SUBCOMMITTEE**
No report.
- v. **WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES**
Chair De Silva Shared the Next Event Is the BREAKING OUT OF THE BOX: LATINE IDENTITY IN SHORT FILMS Monday, November 1, 2021, | 6:00 P.M.
- vi. **WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS**

Chair de Silva shared the book title for November is "The Invisible Husband of Frick Island" by Colleen Oakley.

- vii. **NCJW|LA ADVOCACY TRAINING PROJECT**
No report.

ACTION: Received and Filed.

- 11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None.

- 12. **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Board Member Purner expressed that it was nice to see everyone, and it was an educational meeting.

Board Member Nisim stated that it was a fun meeting and shared that her work has been overwhelming.

Board Member Payton thanked everyone for their patience. She invited the Board to an upcoming event at Plummer Park on Saturday, November 6th at 2:30 pm for an intentional and organic interaction event.

Board Member Field shared she survived a brutal accident. She expressed her excitement to be the new Vice-Chair and to be part of this Board.

Chair de Silva congratulated the newly elected Vice-Chair Field, and she expressed her gratitude to all the board members in attendance. She stated all the positive things that were occurring in her personal life.

- 13. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff Liaison Fooks shared information regarding plans in development for the City's annual commemoration of the anniversary of Roe v Wade. She congratulated Vice-Chair Field on her election and congratulated Chair de Silva on her engagement.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:12 pm to their next Special Teleconference meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021.

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ANGELA DE SILVA, CHAIR

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**JENNY IVANOVA,
RECORDING SECRETARY**