

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

MINUTES

THURSDAY, September 26, 2013

*Location: West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor
8300 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069*

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairperson Molly Casey called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

A. Oath of Office to newly appointed Boardmember

Mayor Pro-Tempore John D'Amico administered the oath of office to new Boardmember Emma Rose MacKenzie.

B. Roll Call

Present: Carla Browning, Molly Casey, Stephanie Cubba, Emma Rose MacKenzie
Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Anne Toole, and Noemi Torres

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison; John Erickson, Recording Secretary

C. Board Introductions:

Boardmembers introduced themselves to each other

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tabled

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Amy Simon, Los Angeles, Creator of "She's History: The Most Dangerous Women in American" spoke about getting more involved with W.A.B. related activities.

Anny Semonco, West Hollywood, Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke about the Disability Advisory Board's upcoming televised meeting and the awards ceremony honoring a member or organization in the community that has greatly contributed to the disability community.

IV. MEETING PROCEDURES

Tabled

V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION

1. The Board discussed various legislative and policy issues affecting women. The Women's Advisory Board reviewed a document outlining the topics and points raised in their discussion last month with Rebecca Blanton, Executive Director of the California Commission on the Status of Women, about key issues affecting the status of women and girls in California.

The Board further discussed topics they would like to be involved with, specifically military and sexual assault, and potentially hosting the California Commission on the Status of Women's summit on the matter.

2. Updates from the National Council of Jewish Women/LA

Ruth Williams, Advocacy Director, National Council of Jewish Women/LA spoke to the Board about the upcoming programming and opportunities for joint-advocacy efforts. Current issue areas and activities include domestic violence, the Jewish Women's Conference, the fall clothing drive, and the anniversary of Roe V Wade.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Women's Equality Day/Board 20th Anniversary Event

The Board discussed the recent Women's Equality Day event commemorating the Board's 20th anniversary in conjunction with annual Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2013. Overall feedback was favorable and the event was well attended. The Board reviewed a summary of the survey card responses that were collected at the event.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-Sponsorship of NCJW/LA Programming for Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Ruth Williams, Advocacy Director, National Council of Jewish Women/LA, spoke to the board about co-sponsoring "Domestic Violence...It's Not Just a Family Matter," their upcoming panel discussion on domestic violence and the Roe V Wade anniversary event and film screening of "After Tiller."

Boardmember Stephanie Cubba made a motion to co-sponsor "Domestic Violence...It's Not Just a Family Matter" on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. which was seconded by Noemi Torres and approved unanimously. Boardmembers Noemi Torres, Tina Moore, Emma Rose MacKenzie, and Nadia Sutton indicated they would attend the event and report back to the Board.

Chairperson Carla Browning made a motion to formally co-sponsor the film screening of "After Tiller" on Thursday, January 23, 2014 for the Anniversary of the Roe V Wade event which was seconded by Nadia Sutton and approved unanimously.

B. Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood

Corri Planck, Program Administrator, Social Services Division, West Hollywood presented statistics about women and girls in the City of West Hollywood and the

current development of a report on the status of women and girls in the City of West Hollywood. She requested that Boardmembers contact her if they had questions or comments to share regarding the development of the report.

C. City of West Hollywood's Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event

Corri Planck, Program Administrator, Social Services Division, West Hollywood spoke to the board about the upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness Month Event on Thursday, October 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. featuring Dr. Giuliano, a renowned expert in the field of breast cancer treatment.

D. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule & Updates

The Board discussed confirmed dates for their upcoming meetings.

- 1.) Planning Meeting/Retreat Date – Wednesday, November 6, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 2.) November & December Monthly Meeting Date – The November meeting of the Women's Advisory Board was moved to Thursday, November 21, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The December Meeting of the Women's Advisory Board was moved to Thursday, December 12, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 3.) Board/Commission Annual Congress – October 14, 2013 – Staff reminded the Board about the upcoming event and about RSVP'ing to the City Clerk's Office.
- 4.) Meeting location changes for 2014 – Staff announced that due to the construction of the new city hall parking lot that the board's meetings will be moved to offsite rooms located at the City's parks.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

None

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL

The board signed up for monthly reports to City Council for 2013-14. Vice Chair Molly Casey volunteered to report for the month of October.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Feed back regarding co-sponsored activities.

Liaison's reported regarding co-sponsored activities. A list of subcommittee/liasons was circulated for member to confirm its accuracy.

1. **Veteran Feminists of America – Celebrate Women & Media on September 7, 2013** – Boardmember Torres reported and spoke favorable about the event. She attended part of the day and staffed a table.
2. **V-Day/Justice Rising Campaign, February 14, 2014**
Staff reminded the subcommittee about the monthly meetings and connecting with the organizers.
3. **La Femme International Film Festival Musical Event on October 19, 2013** – Boardmember Moore announced that the event has been cancelled.

A. New Subcommittees:

Boardmembers volunteered to liaison/attend the following co-sponsored activities:

1. Domestic Violence Prevention Month Panel Discussion – “Domestic Violence...It’s Not Just A Family Matter,” October 23, 2013

Representatives: Noemi Torres, Tina Moore, Emma Rose MacKenzie, and Nadia Sutton.

2. NCJW/LA Workshop: “Women in Office in Southern California: What’s Our Status and What Can We Do About It?” January 26, 2014

Liaison: Stephanie Cubba

XI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Sutton talked about relaying information about the W.A.B. to other organizations she is affiliated with.

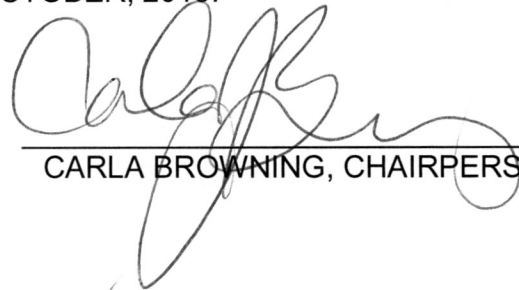
XII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

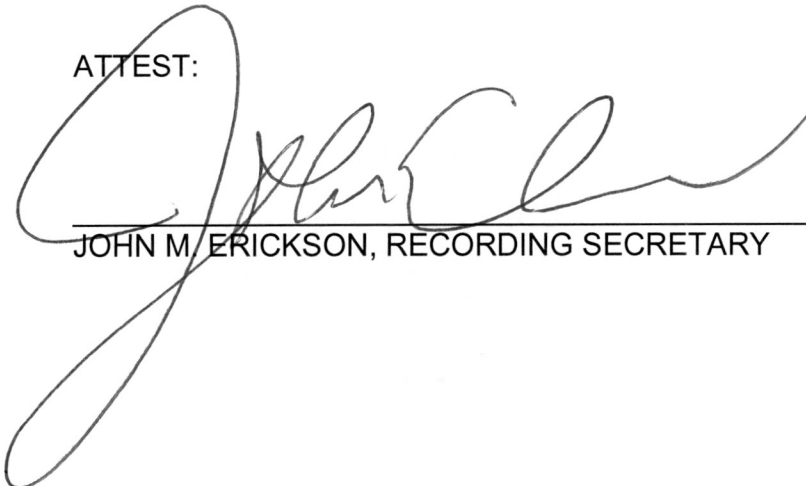
The Women’s Advisory Board will adjourn to their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at West Hollywood City Hall located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013.



CARLA BROWNING, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY