

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

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY**, October 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Carla Browning called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**A. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Anne Toole

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

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Boardmember Nadia Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes. Boardmember Noemi Torres seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None

**IV. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION**

**A. Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013 - S 967 (Gillbrand/Boxer)**

The Board reviewed legislation that seeks to address the issue of military sexual assault by removing the decision-making authority over whether sexual assault cases should be prosecuted from the accused's chain of command. Boardmember Nadia Sutton suggested reaching out to Senator Barbara Boxer's Los Angeles office for the latest information and the bill status and ways the Board can support it. Chairperson Carla Browning made a motion to recommend support of the Military Justice Improvement Act. Boardmember Stephanie Cubba seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**B. Updates regarding recommendation to the City Council**

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, updated the board regarding a recommendation to the City Council in support of military service members who are survivors of sexual assault and women veterans. Dates for a possible community forum with the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls are still pending. The date for a public recognition by the City of military sexual assault survivors is also yet to be determined.

## **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood and West Hollywood Community Survey**

The board discussed data and information related to the women of West Hollywood from the West Hollywood Community Survey and the West Hollywood Domestic Task Force Report to the City Council. They also gave feedback regarding the development of the *Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood*.

Chair Carla Browning discussed the need focus on specific issue areas such as pay equality, job training/preparedness, and public safety, violence against women, mental health, women in leadership /civic involvement, and women with disabilities.

The report should break down the data collected between heterosexual, lesbian, and bisexual women to view the differences that are present as well as further desegregate the data that was collected by age, race, class, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

The report should also focus more attention to women with disabilities, women and public safety and domestic violence, women and mental health, women raising children and work/life balance.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Co-Sponsorship of She's History!**

Amy Simon, creator of *She's History The Most Dangerous Women In History Then and Now* gave a presentation to the Board requesting their support of her project. The Board agreed by consensus to table discussion until their annual retreat meeting on November 6, 2013, which will include discussion of their current work plan.

### **B. National Women's History Month**

Staff gave a brief overview of annual and past programming for the City's Annual National Women's History Month activities. The Board agreed by consensus to table the further discussion to their annual retreat meeting on November 6, 2013.

### **C. Planning Retreat Meeting Discussion**

The Board reviewed a draft agenda and meeting outline for their upcoming planning retreat meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 from 6 pm – 9 pm at West Hollywood Park Community Meeting Room.

**VII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

None.

**VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL**

The board signed up for monthly reports to City Council for 2013-14. Boardmember Noemi Torres volunteered to report for the month of November.

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- V-Day/Justice Rising Campaign, February 14, 2014. - Boardmember Salguero will connect to the One Billion Rising Regional Coordinator Lindsey Horvath and report back.
- Military Sexual Trauma/Support for Service members and women veterans-  
*No report*
- Domestic Violence Awareness Panel Discussion – October 23, 2013  
Boardmember Sutton commented on the NCJW/LA Domestic Violence panel event that the W.A.B co-sponsored and its relation to the W.A.B.'s continual advocacy regarding the subject and the types of emotional support services that are available in West Hollywood for victims of domestic violence.
- Roe V Wade Commemoration: After Tiller Film Screening January 23, 2014-  
*No report*
- NCJW/LA Workshop about Reversing the trend of declining numbers of female elected officials in CA – January 26, 2014 - Boardmember Cubba will connect with Maya Paley of NCJW/LA and report back.

**X. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember Sutton shared information about a domestic violence prevention petition being circulated by NCJW/LA.

Chair Carla Browning encouraged everyone to attend Women and Books and their discussion around their new book *The Book Thief*.

**XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m. until their special planning retreat meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at West Hollywood Library Community meeting room located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.



CARLA BROWNING, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Erickson', written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping tail.

JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY