

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

THURSDAY, April 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Silvia Salguero called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm

A. Oath of Office Administered to New Boardmember

Councilmember Lauren Meister administered the oath of office to new Boardmember Kelly Alexander.

B. Roll Call

Present: Kelly Alexander, Debra D'Amico, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, and Noemi Torres.

Absent: Molly Casey and Stephanie Cubba

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 26, 2015 and Boardmember Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Marina Berkman, Program Director, West Hollywood Senior Center, gave a presentation regarding senior services and programming to the Board.

V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

A. LEGISLATION

Boardmember Moore made a motion to recommend that the City Council support the Pay Check Fairness Act (SB 862/HR 1619); 21st Century Women's Health Act of 2015 (SB 674); Equal Protection for All Families Act (AB 960); Tenancy Termination: Victims of Violent Crimes (AB 418); and STEM Gateways Act (HR 840) and Boardmember D'Amico seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus with Boardmember Alexander abstaining.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2015

The Board discussed the events that took place during National Women's History Month in 2015. The Board agreed by consensus that the events were a success.

B. BOARD WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

1. National Equal Pay Day/Pay Equity

The Board agreed by consensus to utilize the cookie exercise to support the Paycheck Fairness Act at the upcoming Women's Leadership Conference.

2. Women's Safety Recommendations

Boardmembers Sutton and Moore agreed to serve as liaisons to the Public Safety Commission to share the Board's recommendations about women's safety and will report back on ways both groups can work together.

Boardmember Moore made a motion to create a subcommittee to discussing a meeting about self-defense classes and other public safety campaigns by talking directly with staff and Sherriff's representatives and Boardmember Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

Boardmembers Noemi Torres and Tina Moore volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2015

Boardmember Moore made a motion to create a subcommittee to discuss potential activities and Boardmember Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consensus.

Boardmembers Moore and Torres volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Alexander volunteered to report for the month of April.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

Boardmember D'Amico updated the Board that she spoke with LAUSD School Boardmember Steve Zimmer's office about getting more young people involved in City and Board events. She informed the Board that she was conducting a survey of young girls to gauge their interests and will report back.

2. Advocacy Training Project Workshop

Boardmember Alexander agreed to attend the upcoming Advocacy Training Project workshops and report back.

3. 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONVERSATIONS 'BOUT THE GIRLS'

Boardmember Torres informed the Board that the event would be taking place at the beginning of October and potential locations include the Coast Playhouse and that she'll report back with updates.

4. 20TH Annual Healthy West Hollywood Kids Fair

Boardmembers Torres, D'Amico and Casey will be attending the event and staffing the Board's table.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Scott Schmidt, Interim Deputy to Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister, welcomed new Boardmember Kelly Alexander and notified the Board that a City Council Deputy would be attending all future board meetings.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

None

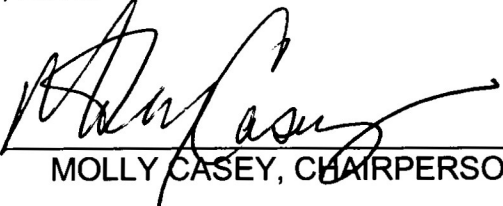
XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Elizabeth Savage, Director of Rent Stabilization and Human Services, spoke about the upcoming "Aging in Place" strategic meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2015 in the West Hollywood Auditorium and encouraged all those interested to attend.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Park Library, all located at 625 N. Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 28TH DAY OF MAY, 2015.


MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY