

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

THURSDAY, May 28, 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:

Chair Molly Casey called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Debra D'Amico, Molly Casey, Stephanie Cubba, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, and Noemi Torres.

Absent: Kelly Alexander

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison; John Erickson, Recording Secretary; Michelle Rex, Council Deputy to Councilmember John D'Amico.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of April 23, 2015 and Boardmember Cubba seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Hamaker, Communications Manager, West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (WHCHC), invited members of the board to the WHCHC open house to help clarify information about what the organization does and to clarify information about the opening Detroit Bungalows project.

Michelle Gomez, Being Alive, spoke to the Board about a new support group that was formed to help transgender women and women who suffer from alcohol abuse. She also spoke about Being Alive wanting to partner with the Board in the future about getting more involved regarding issues effecting women.

IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Board reviewed the updated *Preliminary Report* document and further discussed the recent presentations regarding aging in place, housing and their recommendations regarding public safety.

The concept of using Neighborhood Watch groups for greater community outreach was discussed.

V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION

Maya Paley, Director of Legislative and Community Engagement for NCJW/LA presented to the Board NCJW/LA's 2015 Legislative Agenda. She presented the current status of legislation and ways the Board could be involved with advocating for their successful passage. The Board asked questions and considered bills to make recommendations on. Boardmember Moore made a motion to recommend that the City Council officially support AB 418 (Chiu D-San Francisco) Regarding Tenancy: Termination: Victims of Violent Crimes; SB 358 (Jackson, D-Santa Barbara): California Fair Pay Act; SB 23 (Mitchell, D-Los Angeles) Repeal of the CalWORKS Maximum Family Grant; SB 548 (DeLeon D-Los Angeles and Atkins D-San Diego) The Raising Child Care Quality and Accessibility Act and Boardmember Cubba seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

The Board discussed various recommendations regarding women's safety.

B. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26, 2015

The subcommittee consisting of Boardmembers Moore and Torres informed the Board that they had met to talk about the upcoming women's equality day event. They suggested that this year:

- The event takes place on August 26, 2015 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.
- Potential speakers to invite: Ellen Degeneres, Ricki Lake, Gloria Allred, Eva Longoria, Amy Poheler, Tina Fey.
- Update the look and feel of the invite and poster and create a "Save the Date" magnet that can be given away
- The format should be consistent with year's past where there is one special guest speaker speaking to the theme of the event.

The Board agreed to come back to the next meeting with other potential speaker ideas.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Board gave feedback regarding the recent 9th Annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference. The Board discussed how they really enjoyed the speakers, workshops, format, and the films *The Hunting Ground* and *She's Beautiful When She's Angry*. The Board hosted an information table, served as panelists, moderators and conducted the pay equity exercise as part of the WLC Sunday Finale. Boardmember D'Amico suggested showing the film *She's Beautiful When She's Angry* again in the future such as for Women's History Month as it was educational and very inspirational. Boardmember Torres made a suggestion to have more paid to security and monitoring of the event spaces due to an incident that occurred with an audience member. Staff thanked the Board for their participation, support and leadership at the Conference.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

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A. ANNUAL PRIDE ACTIVITIES IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

Staff updated the Board about the upcoming LA Pride Festival that would be occurring in West Hollywood Park on June 12-14 and about the free women's night that occurs on June 12 with live entertainment.

Vice Chair Salguero notified the Board that she would be riding on the City's Board and Commission float at the Pride parade on Sunday, June 14.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember D'Amico volunteered to report for the month of May.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

Boardmember D'Amico reported to the Board that she was going to wait until the Fall to post her survey online so she could have more time to communicate with the Teen Center and other local service agencies about the best way to reach out to young girls.

2. Advocacy Training Project Workshops

No Report.

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

Boardmember Torres reported to the Board that the producers are reaching out to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission as well as looking into the availability of the Coast Playhouse for shows on October 23, 24, 25 of 2015.

4. 20TH Annual Healthy West Hollywood Kids Fair

Boardmembers Torres and D'Amico reported to the Board that the event was a success and the Board was able to outreach to numerous individuals and families throughout the day.

5. Aging in Place Meeting

Vice Chair Salguero, Boardmembers Sutton and Torres participated in the Aging in Place Strategic meeting and shared feedback. They felt it was a big success and that the new and upcoming options that are going to be available to individuals are both innovative and can be utilized here in West Hollywood.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

None.


XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Recording Secretary Erickson congratulated Vice Chair Salguero on her recent graduation from USC.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourned at 8:59 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 25, 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 30th DAY OF JUNE, 2015.


MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY