

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

THURSDAY, July 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:**

Chair Molly Casey called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**A. Oath of Office to Newly appointed Boardmembers**

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, administered the oath of office to Anne Toole.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Kelly Alexander, Debra D'Amico, Molly Casey, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Anne Toole, and Noemi Torres

Absent: Stephanie Cubba

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

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Boardmember Torres made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 30, 2015 and Vice-Chair Salguero seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Anny Semonco, Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke about the Disabilities Advisory Board's upcoming health and wellness event on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 and invited the Board to collaborate on raising awareness around issues such as HPV and cervical cancer at the event.

**IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Staff provided the Board with other status of women reports from nearby cities such as Pasadena, the City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Glendale. The Board will review the various reports and bring back any potential items of interest to the Board at a future meeting.

**V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:**

**A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:**

Staff gave a brief report and updates regarding pending state and federal bills for the Board to review and discuss:

1.) AB 418 (Chiu) Tenancy: Termination: Victims of Violent Crime

Staff reported that Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 418 into law.

2.) AB 775 (Chiu) Reproductive FACT Act

Staff reported that AB 775 was ordered to a third reading as of June 29, 2015.

3.) AB 960 (Chiu) Parentage: Assisted Reproduction

Staff reported that AB 960 was ordered to a third reading as of July 9, 2015.

4.) **SB 23 (Mitchell) CalWORKs Eligibility**

Staff reported that SB 23 was ordered to the Committee on Appropriations as of July 15, 2015.

5.) **SB 358 (Beth Jackson) Conditions of Employment: Gender Wage Differential**

Staff reported that SB 358 was ordered to the Committee on Appropriations as of July 9, 2015.

6.) **SB 548 (De Leon) Child Care: Family Child Care Providers: Bargaining Representative**

Staff reported that SB 548 was ordered to the Committee on Appropriations as of July 9, 2015.

Staff updated the Board about the upcoming meeting regarding overturning the statute of limitations on rape that is being held in the West Hollywood Library's Community Meeting Room at 7:00 pm on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with a coalition of organizations and community members.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, AUGUST 26, 2015**

Subcommittee Boardmembers Torres and Moore gave updates regarding the event and reported that the save-the-date postcard has been mailed out; a flyer is being electronically distributed; keynote speakers Gloria Allred and Lisa Bloom have been confirmed; and the event will feature an interactive photobooth/selfie wall where attendees can share photos to their social media profiles in order to be officially entered in the event raffle.

**B. BOARD WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**

Staff updated the Board about where they were in their current workplan. Staff provided the Board with reports for them to review that were submitted at the Association of California Commissions on Women (ACCW) Annual Meeting and general information about various City and Council Commissions that are members of the ACCW such as missions, goals, and initiatives.

The Board agreed by consensus to take part in the National Night Out Community Event on August 4, 2015 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and speak with Neighborhood Watch Captains about ways the Board can get more involved with women and issues of public safety in the City.

**C. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES**

Staff reported on the upcoming Women in Film Speaker Series event taking place on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers.

Boardmember Toole proposed that the Board work with Women in Film to produce a PSA to promote women in leadership.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Annual Election of Officers**  
TABLED

**VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

Boardmember Sutton reported that she attended the recent Coffee with the Mayor event and Public Safety Commission meeting.

**IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

Boardmember Moore volunteered to report for the month of July

**X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Young Women Subcommittee**

None

**2. Advocacy Training Project Workshops**

Boardmembers Torres, D'Amico, Alexander and Vice Chair Salguero reported that they attended the last workshop titled "How to Advocate for Legislation"

**3. 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CONVERSATIONS 'BOUT THE GIRLS'**

Boardmember Torres reported that they toured the Macha Theatre and that they were waiting to hear back from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee about the submitted grant funding decision.

**XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Anny Semonco spoke to the Board about the Disabilities Advisory Board's involvement with the upcoming Special Olympics event and encouraged members of the Board to join them when they go to the gymnastics final event and that the City is providing free transportation.

**XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember Torres spoke about attending the upcoming Special Olympics event and thanked Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks and Recording Secretary John Erickson for all their hard work this past year.

Boardmember Sutton spoke about the upcoming Pawsapaloza event and encouraged the Board to attend.

Boardmember Tooler spoke that she attended NCJW/LA "Women Behind Bars" event and will share with the Board the information about the letter writing campaign individuals can utilize to contact their representatives.

**XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:46 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 27, 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 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

  
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MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY