

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** Boardmember Kim Schneider called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. in the Community Conference Room, City Hall.

A. **Roll Call:**

Gretchen Fine	yes
Suzann Gage	yes
Julia Gandelsman	
Barbara Hamaker	yes
Mina Kedar	yes
Dona Klein	yes
Wendy Krueger	yes
Nadine Le Gouguec	yes
Judy Lubin	yes
Carolyn Martin	yes
Judith Mayo	yes
Rae Mitchell	yes
Kim Schneider	yes

STAFF:

Fran Soloman

II. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Laria Phippen, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce:

Historically, she co-chairs Women in Business awards.

The Awards this year will be, March 15th at the Grange (showroom on San Vicente & Melrose) from 6 PM-8 PM. May throw in wine. Need food sponsors. Need to decide 5 winners. Also, special Chamber Award, Phyllis Morris Award. Subcommittee to work on it. Kim has list. Does not preclude group from choosing other names of candidates.

III. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Election of Officers:

The Board will conduct elections for new presiding officers:

Chair:

Gretchen Fine nominates Judith Mayo for Chair - 5

Barbara Hammacher nominates Wendy for Chair - 6

Vote: Wendy Krueger is the new chair

Vice Chair:

Gretchen nominates Judith Mayo.

Vote: Judith Mayo

Secretary:

Carolyn Martin

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

Wrap up report on Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Kim: Tamar Springer was instrumental to the mobile breast cancer appointments program. Was not well attended this year.

Barbara: mentioned the change of venue problem and the van was late. Waited for 2 ½ hours. Need to discuss communication problems with the technicians, etc. Also suggested bone density scans.

Judy Lubin: suggested contacting some of the vendors.

Fran: Should try to hook in with Cedars (program at Beverly Center store)

Suzann: workshop on alternate treatments for cancer. 3 people attended.

Art Meyers Exhibit: okay turnout but beautifully done.

KIM NEEDED TO LEAVE. WENDY TO TAKE OVER (INCLUDING TAKING LARIA'S LIST)

B. Ageism Panel Discussion:

Wrap-up report on panel discussion on ageism co-sponsored with Women In Film on November 12, 1999.

Wendy: overview at PDC. Faye Dunaway was guest speaker. Move it out of WeHo next time.

Judy M: thought it was excellent. AARP representative did presentation re: marketing demographics.

C. Domestic Violence/Partner Abuse Report:

Updates from staff on the City's efforts to combat domestic violence and partner abuse.

Fran: Lost power at WeHo Auditorium during this meeting. Over 100 people in the room. Going to be rescheduled. People were incredibly disappointed.

D. Women's History Month:

The Board will discuss programming ideas for Women's History Month 2000.

Fran: Subcommittee needs to be chosen. Need to vote on 3. Put banners on 4 corners on La Cienega (pending construction). 1 is generic. 3 candidates. 1 of Abby on a pole or at City Hall. Criteria developed from group:

Diversity

From California?

Living v deceased?

Ideas: Rose Bird (Supreme Court Justice), Margaret Sanger, Rachel Carson

Judy M: first women director?

Sub Committee on banner: Suzann, Judith M., Rae

Need to bring names back to Board in February.

Reception: Hosted by WAB. Combine with International Women's Day?

Rae suggested contacting Library to display and highlight books about the nominees and other famous women.

Public Information to run some programming on cable re: banner women

Women In Business: Larissa puts a calendar together with events around the City.

International Women's Day:

Subcommittee: Wendy, Mina & Nadine. March 8th.

Focus is on equal pay. Fran suggested getting someone from the unions.

Rae will contact Women's International League for Peace & Freedom.

Suzann: Lesbians Considering Children, Menopause Workshop. Date given in February.

Saturdays in the Park: Diane Conepstein. Barbara pointed out that WAB does not really deal with mothers. How to tie in to women's history?

Miscellaneous: Possible screening of Fellini's "Women City". Also, Annie Liebowitz's exhibit of women. Museum of Tolerance exhibit "Between A Rock & A Hard Place" for the next 3 weeks. Maybe organize as a group?

Members of board to start coming to Council meetings in March.

E. Legislative Updates:

The Board will discuss legislative updates on issues of concern, i.e. reproductive rights issues, women's health, childcare, education, equal rights, violence against women and children, etc.

TABLED.

F. Liaison & Subcommittee Reports:

Update reports from the WAB liaisons to other city Boards and Commissions.

Subcommittees: Childcare, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Support for Sheriff Baca.

Liaisons: Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, Senior Advisory Board, Lesbian Visibility, Fine Arts Commission, Public Safety Commission, and Human Services Commission.

No reports.

V. BOARD RETREAT:

The Board will discuss having a retreat.

Has to be held in West Hollywood and in a more relaxing atmosphere. Usually at a hotel on a weekend. City will augment what hotel will not.

Suggestions for dates: May 6th, 7th, or 13th.

Wendy to call hotels to see what is available.

Should be done in second quarter. Somewhere in April.

Will do program. Can hire facilitator.

9 am-1pm (breakfast and lunch)

VI. Million Mom March:

The board will discuss taking actions in support for a national march on Washington against Violence.

Fran: City Council (Martin & Heilman) will have council agenda February 7th. Encourage people to call toll free number or website. Come to council meeting to support the meeting.. Senator Feinstein spoke about it at a fundraiser.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD:

Remarks from advisory board members.

1. Julia had a baby.
2. Look for web information.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff will update the Woman's Advisory Board on issues within the Board's purview.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2000, 7:00 p.m., Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.