

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, March 23, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**

*Location: Community Conference Room  
West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Madeleine Rackley at 7:07 PM.

**A. Roll Call**

Kelly Alexander	Present
Nicole C. Curran	Present
Vicki Geis	Present
Lyndia Lowy, Vice Chair	Present
Stephanie Middler	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell	Present
Madeleine Rackley, Chair	Present
Heidi Schroeder	Present

Staff: Lisa Belsanti

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Tabled*

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Andy Scheer, the Trevor Project, introduced himself and announced that they need more female volunteers for their call center.

Rich Ryan, Public Safety Outreach Specialist, reviewed several activities planned for the City's *Spring To Action for Women's Health & Safety* during the month of April.

Jimmy Palmieri, Member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, spoke to the Board about taking action regarding the Motion Picture Academy awarding an Oscar to a song with derogatory lyrics about women from the film *Hustle and Flow*.

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **A. Board Liaison Reports**

Brief reports from WAB liaison assignments to other City Boards and Commissions.

***No Reports.***

##### **B. Subcommittee Reports**

###### **1. West Hollywood Kids Fair. April 22, 2006**

Everyone was asked to volunteer at the booth. Heidi Schroeder will be following up with Boardmembers to sign up. She also requested suggestions for activities.

###### **2. West Hollywood Townhall on Medicare Part D**

Brief discussion on the upcoming townhall scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be two sessions, one in English and one in Russian.

##### **C. National Women's History Month, March 2006**

The Board gave feedback regarding the Women's History Month. Staff reported on why the banners were not hung on Santa Monica Blvd. this year. Lyndia Lowy requested that banners be hung on the east side of town as well. Marcy Norton complained about the lack of promotion of WAB events and the mistake on the Women in Leadership Awards invitation and other publications. The Board discussed ways to improve working with staff more to address these concerns.

#### **D. Board Retreat**

The Board discussed a new date for a retreat meeting. The Board agreed by consensus to schedule the retreat for July 22, 2006.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Legislative Issues**

No discussion.

#### **B. Discussion of *Hustle and Flow***

The Board discussed whether to take any action about the Motion Picture Academy awarding an Oscar to a song with derogatory lyrics about women. No Action taken.

#### **C. Spring To Action for Women's Health & Safety**

Discussion regarding activities in development for the month of April, Street Safety Outreach Events, Denim Day (April 19th), and Sexual Assault Awareness Month lead by the Public Safety Division. The Board discussed ways they would participate.

#### **D. Review of Calendar of Events**

Review of City and Board upcoming Events. Brief discussion of the upcoming Senior Health Fair.

### **VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

#### Marcy Norton

Suggested the Board get involved with Public Safety regarding the increased violence against women in the City.

Suggested the Board focus on the women's health issue of the rise in lung cancer deaths of women who never smoked.

Thanked fellow WAB members for their support during this difficult period.

**VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None.

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **April 27, 2006, 2006** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.