

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2000 at 7:00p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairperson Krueger.

A. Roll Call:

Gretchen Fine
Suzann Gage Excused
Julia Gandelsman
Barbara Hamaker
Mina Kedar
Wendy Krueger
Nadine Le Gouguec
Judy Lubin
Carolyn Martin Excused
Judith Mayo
Rae Mitchell

STAFF: Roz Helfand

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were taken at the last Board meeting. Barbara Hamaker and Nadine Le Gouguec volunteered to be the substitute meeting takers in the event the Board Secretary is absent.

3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Conference on Ageism:

The Chair reported on this item. No location has been set yet; attendance is expected to be approximately 300; AARP is the sponsor. It will be an evening event with a panel discussion addressing issues on age discrimination in the film industry.

B. Town Hall Forum:

The Board clarified that the Forum will focus on issues being addressed, specifically those pertaining to women, in the upcoming election. The Forum will tentatively take place in September.

A Forum sub-committee, including Judith Mayo, Barbara Hamaker, Nadine Le Gouguec, Judy Lubin, and Wendy Krueger will meet at Judy Lubin's home on Tuesday, June 27.

Judith Mayo suggested contacting the League of Women Voters because it is their mission to educate the public on issues and voter education.

Board Liaison: JUDY LUBIN

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Projects for 2000-2001

The Board discussed and indentified a total of five project priorities for the upcoming year:

ANNUAL

(1) Women's History Month: City kick-off event, March 5, 2001

WAB participation will also include an International Women's Day event and something covering the subject of equal wage/equal work.

Staff Liaison: Larissa Fooks, 323-848-6460

Board Liaison: WENDY KRUEGER

(2) Breast Cancer Awareness Month: City event/fundraiser, October 24, 2000

Other Board sponsored programming TBA.

Staff Liaison: Tamar Springer, 323-848-6471

Board Liaison: JULIA GANDELSMAN

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

(3) Educational Town Hall Forum: September 2000

(see 4B for more details)

(4) Book Fair: May 2001

Board Liaison: JUDY LUBIN

(5) International Women's Rights/Human Rights Event: Sometime after March 2001

Board Liaison: BARBARA HAMAKER

The list of ideas from which the above projects were selected:

- A Day in the Park (tied in with Project Unity)
- Children's books for the Russian Speaking Community
- Hooking up for an event with a West Hollywood bookstore
- Having a high level woman Democrat speak in West Hollywood
- Present an award to a woman Sheriff's deputy (possibly tie to the Women in Business Awards)
- International Human Rights Event
- Teenage career project (possibly tie to Take Our Daughters to Work Day)
- Child abuse prevention project (possibly a fundraiser)
- Grandparents' rights project
- Glass ceiling issue project

B. Legislative Update

Barbara Hamaker and Rae Mitchell reported on the sub-committee meeting held regarding Legislative Updates. Several possible update topics were identified:

- The morning after pill
- Violence Against Women Act HR 3244
- The condom issue scheduled for the March election

Rae Mitchell suggested bringing postcards to the next meeting.

C. Women's Advisory Board Openings

It was suggested Goldie Kahn be asked to submit an application for the Women's Advisory Board.

Currently, there are three Board openings.

D. Food

The WAB agreed to provide refreshments at their meetings. Board members will provide the food themselves on a rotating basis. The following members will supply food through November:

July:	Nadine
August:	Mina
September:	Julia
October:	Barbara
November:	Gretchen

6. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Barbara Hamaker discussed an Associated Press article from the 3/23/00 edition of the L.A. Times which stated:

“Abortion opponents have blocked an effort to place a bust in the state Capitol (St. Paul, Minn) of Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, the Minnesota native who wrote the Roe vs. Wade decision. The House voted, 69-58, to ban the bust. Blackmun served on the high court from 1970 to 1994 and died in March at age 90. He wrote the majority opinion in the 1973 ruling legalizing abortion.”

Barbara suggested the Board ask the City Council to ask Minnesota to send us the bust, since we are the first pro-choice city, and would be happy to display it.

A motion in favor of this suggestion was passed unanimously.

7. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:25pm to their next meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 7:00pm in the 1st Floor Community Conference Room of City Hall.