

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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 26, 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 at 7:10 PM.

A. Roll Call:

Kelly Alexander	Present
Vicki Geis	Present
Tami Kendra	Present
Lyndia Lowy, Chair	Present
Stephanie Middler, Vice Chair	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Madeleine Rackley	Absent
Jessie Raeder	Absent
Heidi Schroeder	Present
Darcine Thomas	Absent

Staff: Larissa Fooks and Lisa Belsanti

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of October 26, 2006: Marcy Norton noted several typographical errors. Heidi Schroeder made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Vicki Geis and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nadia Sutton, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board (LGAB), introduced herself as a new liaison from the LGAB to the Women's Advisory Board. She will be attending future meetings of the Board.

Amanda Hendon, West Hollywood resident and producer of V-Day West Hollywood, requested support from the Board for the production of the *Vagina Monologues* on February 10, 2007 at the Pacific Design Center.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW-UP

Staff facilitated a discussion that included a review of the feedback generated from the past three board meetings. The Board also created guidelines for a new policy regarding their co sponsorship of future events.

B. Subcommittee Reports

1. Status of Women in West Hollywood

No Report.

C. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Rae Mitchell reported. Some 15,000 breast self-exam shower cards were distributed to participating stores, including Whole Foods, Ralphs, Gelsons and Pavilions. The kick-off event on October 12th included a press conference followed by street outreach for an hour. It was suggested that next year the outreach take place on Saturday afternoon in order to reach more people

D. Annual Board and Commission Congress

Brief comments from members who attended the annual meeting of the Boards and Commissions held on October 14th shared brief comments.

V - NEW BUSINESS

A. V-Day 2007 *(This item was taken out of order)*

The Board discussed co-sponsorship of a community production of the play the *Vagina Monologues*. Heidi Schroeder made a motion to co-sponsor the production. The motion was seconded by Tami Kendra and passed unanimously.

B. 34th Anniversary of Roe V. Wade

1. Co-sponsorship of the National Council of Jewish Women's Forum

In light of the Board's new policy regarding co-sponsorship, it was requested that a representative from NCJW/LA attend the next meeting to make the request in person and answer questions Boardmembers might have about the event.

2. West Hollywood Pro Choice City Campaign & West Hollywood Plan B Awareness Campaign

Tabled.

B. National Women's History Month 2007

Brief general discussion about plans for Women's History Month 2007. Lyndia Lowy suggested that the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference that is in development be considered as part of Women's History Month programming.

D. Review of Calendar of Events

Brief discussion of Transgender Day of Awareness. No Action taken.

VI. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

It was requested that an updated list of liaisons be created. Lyndia Lowy offered to route a list of the all Boards and Commissions to everyone prior to the next Board meeting.

Kelly Alexander commented that the Human Services Commission discussed an issue regarding the funding of services for transgender programs at the LA Gay and Lesbian Center at their last meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Kelly Alexander

Commented about her discussion with Fran Solomon in the Mayor's Office about community programming for National Financial Literacy Month in April and the possibility of tying it in to the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference.

Lyndia Lowy

Distributed information from the Census Bureau regarding the salary earnings of women in the United States.

Rae Mitchell

Announced that she would be walking on November 4th at the kick-off of the City's new walk path.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff made an announcement about the Parade for World Peace on Saturday, October 28th.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:00 PM to their next regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at City Hall in West Hollywood, CA 90069.