

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

September 25, 2003

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judith Resell at 7:20 p.m.

A. Staff liaison Larissa Fooks administered the oath of office to Mary O' Gorman and Sara Myers.

B. Roll Call

Janet Chapman	Absent
Mary O'Gorman	Present
Jerrie Heslov	Absent
Judy Lubin	Absent
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Sandi Margolis	Resigned
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Sara Michel Myers	Present
Judith Resell, Chair	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder, Vice Chair	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks

C. Introductions

Boardmembers introduced themselves to each other.

D. Review of the Agenda

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lyndia Lowy made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 22, 2003 with correction noted. The motion was seconded by Sara Myers and passed unanimously.

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III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Jeffrey Prang congratulated the new Boardmembers and thanked everyone for their involvement with the WAB.

Richard Ryan, Public Safety Divisions, spoke to the Board about the 3rd annual Domestic Violence Prevention Awards and requested the Board's co-sponsorship. He also gave brief updates about other Domestic Violence Prevention Month Activities.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

Rae Mitchell, board liaison to the City's Breast Cancer Awareness Planning Committee, gave an update on programming for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Boardmembers volunteered to help distribute breast exam shower cards through their various affiliations. The Board discussed making a recommendation in support of the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act, H.R. 1886. No action was taken.

B. 2nd Annual West Hollywood Book Fair, September 21, 2003:

Members made various comments and gave feedback about the book fair.

C. Update on Changes to the Advisory Boards:

Staff gave a brief overview of the new by-laws for the Women's Advisory Board and answered questions from the Board. The WAB agreed by consensus to postpone discussion of the workplan until next month. Staff was directed to compile all the questionnaire responses and send to the Board in advance of the next meeting. In addition, Chairperson Resell will prepare a one page summary of the City's needs assessment to distribute to the Board as well.

D. Women's History Month:

New members joined sub-committees. Scheduling meetings of the various Sub-committees was discussed. The Women's History Month Banner Sub-committee will meet on Thursday, October 16th. The Women in Leadership Awards Sub-committee will meet either October 22nd or 29th. The International Women's Day Sub-committee and the Saturdays in the Park Sub-committee will schedule their meetings before the November WAB meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Domestic Violence Prevention Awards & Reception:

Richard Ryan, Public Safety staff, updated the Board earlier in the meeting about the 3rd annual recognition program for community activists. Marcy Norton made a motion to co-sponsor the event. The motion was seconded by Lyndia Lowy and passed unanimously. It was suggested that the Board actively participate beyond co-sponsoring and attending the event. Marcy Norton and Rae Mitchell volunteered to help staff the event.

B. Legislative Updates:

The Board reviewed and discussed current legislative issues affecting women, as follows:

1. The Board discussed the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act, H.R. 1886 under item IV A. Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

C. Upcoming WAB Meeting Schedule:

Mary O' Gorman made a motion to reschedule the November and December WAB meetings for the 3rd Thursday of these months. The motion was seconded by Sara and passed unanimously. The Upcoming WAB meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is: October 23, November 20 and December 18.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Marcy Norton

- Announced the overturning of the conviction of a Nigerian woman who had been sentenced to death by stoning for adultery.
- Invited members to attend the Women Against the Recall event with Ann Richards on Friday, September 16th at 12 noon West Hollywood Park.

Lyndia Lowy

- Announced two Macy's Department store shopping day fundraisers, one benefiting Gateways Hospital.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 pm to the next regular meeting of the Women's Advisory Board at 7 p.m. on

October 23, 2003, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.