

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

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY**, November 17, 2005 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 Chairperson Lyndia Lowy at 7:08 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Staff: Fran Solomon and Larissa Fooks.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Minutes of October 27, 2005 Meeting- TABLED*

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **A. Board Liaison Reports**

No reports.

## **B. Subcommittee Reports**

### **1. Status of Women in West Hollywood:**

Fran Solomon mentioned the idea of the Board hosting an event to attract women interested becoming more involved civically such as serving on a commission or board.

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

The Board discussed programming ideas for the upcoming annual Women's History month of activities. Discussion centered on the Board presenting programming on issues that directly affect the majority of women in West Hollywood such as a focus on economics or health versus more global issues. Heidi Schroeder made a motion to incorporate a component on heart health in to the Saturdays in the Park activity. The motion was seconded by Nicole Curran and passed unanimously.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Legislative Issues**

No updates.

### **B. Roe V. Wade,**

The Board discussed the possibility of working with other women's rights organizations on an activity or joining a coalition of other groups. Staff was asked to find out if there is a coalition forming amongst west side groups or cities. Staff reported that the National Council of Jewish Women is interested in hosting a forum.

### **C. V-Day**

The Board discussed ways to participate in the annual global campaign to end violence against women. The community performance of the Vagina Monologues will not be produced this year. The issue of

trafficking was suggested as a topic, possibly as part of a West Hollywood Human Rights Speaker Series event. Concerns were raised about the focus of the Board and time constraints involved in producing an event. No action taken.

#### **D. Townhall Meeting on Medicare, Part D**

Nicole Curran reported that there were several informational meetings already happening in the community at this time in addition to the counseling resources provided at the West Hollywood Senior Center. The Board agreed by consensus not to pursue sponsoring a townhall at this time.

#### **E. Board Retreat Meeting**

The Board discussed the idea of having a retreat. Boardmembers expressed the need for gaining more clarity on their role and the focus of the Board. Staff distributed copies of the existing Board workplan and annual reports from the last two years. The Board agreed by consensus to hold a retreat. The tentative date is February 25<sup>th</sup> and the alternate date is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **F. Review of Calendar of Events**

No action taken.

### **VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Kelly Alexander: She will be out of town for the next WAB meeting. She expressed her appreciation to the Board for their receptiveness to new ideas.

Marcy Norton: Suggested the issue of marriage equality and the threat to domestic partnership rights be considered for future discussion.

Rae Mitchell: Raised the question of what it means for the Board to co-sponsor events.

Deb Farmer: Suggested that retreat discussion items be collected for the retreat meeting agenda

Lyndia Lowy: Requested that the Women's History Month subcommittees should plan to meet or and report back by the WAB December meeting.

**VII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None

**VIII ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:40 PM in memory of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **December 8, 2005** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.