

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY**, December 16, 2004 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 Vice Chairperson Renee Dake Wilson at 7:13 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

Nicole C. Curran	Present
Sarah Dodge	Present
Debra Farmer	Present
Mary O’Gorman	Resigned
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell	Present
Madeleine Rackley, Chair	Present
Heidi Schroeder	Present
Renee Dake Wilson, Vice Chair	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Minutes of November 17, 2005:* Correction to item V. A. was noted. Nicole Curran made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Sarah Dodge and passed unanimously.

### **III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. Subcommittee Reports:**

*Update reports on current Board projects.*

#### **1. Women's History Month 2005**

The Board discussed the status of subcommittee meetings.

##### **1. Saturdays in the Park**

No report. The subcommittee did not report due to illness.

##### **2. Women's History Month Banner Project**

The Subcommittee recommended Harriet Williams Russell Strong and Oprah Winfrey to be featured on banners. The committee also suggested incorporating the City's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme and recognizing local women.

Boardmembers discussed the recommendations and also gave suggestions for other possible honorees. The Board gave direction to the subcommittee to report back in January with recommendations of West Hollywood women for consideration.

##### **3. International Women's Day**

The subcommittee submitted a written report outlining a program for the day partnering with Amnesty International's Stop Violence Against Women Campaign. It was also recommended that Amnesty International be the recipient of monies raised at the Women In Leadership Awards & Reception. Renee Dake Wilson made a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendation for International Women's Day program with Amnesty International and designating their Stop Violence Against Women Campaign as the recipient of funds raised from the Women in Leadership Awards & Reception. The motion was seconded by Marcy Norton and passed unanimously.

##### **4. Women in Leadership Awards & Reception**

No Report. The Selection Committee will be meeting in January.

### **5. Women's History Month Lobby Display**

Sarah Dodge presented a proposal for an idea to add art components featuring local women artists and students from local elementary schools to the annual lobby display. The subcommittee will meet to further develop the concept.

### **2. Status of Women in West Hollywood**

Madeleine Rackley reported that the subcommittee is exploring format options to best present the materials they have been working on.

### **3. V-Day 2005**

The Subcommittee recommended that the Board assist with the benefit production of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues* and help organize representatives from local agencies to provide resources and outreach to the community at the event.

### **4. Anniversary of Roe V. Wade:**

Nicole Curran provided information regarding an event with Planned Parenthood on the anniversary of Roe V. Wade that would include a candlelight vigil and the screening of the film *Vera Drake*. Nicole Curran made a motion in support of co-sponsoring the Roe V. Wade commemoration event with Planned Parenthood and the Office of Assemblymember Paul Koretz. The motion was seconded by Debra Farmer and passed unanimously. Nicole Curran made a motion to recommending that the City Council create a billboard proclaiming the anniversary of Roe V. Wade. The motion was seconded by Lyndia Lowy and passed unanimously.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Femme Film Festival**

*Tabled.*

**B. Legislative Issues**

No discussion.

**C. Review of Calendar of Events:**

Tabled.

**VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

None.

**VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None.

**IX ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:20 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **January 27, 2005** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.