

# West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board MINUTES

Thursday, May 27, 2004

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Judith Resell called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Debra Farmer	Present
Mary O'Gorman	Present
Lyndia Lowy	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton	Present
Judith Resell, Chair	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder, Vice Chair	Present
Renee Dake Wilson	Absent

Staff: Richard Ryan

## II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes were approved by consensus with a few corrections noted.

## III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public

## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. KIDS FAIR

Heidi Schroeder gave a report on the success of the WAB's booth at this year's Kids Fair.

### B. WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH

Lyndia Lowy gave a report on the Catherine Dexter McCormack event held at the PDC on May 20, 2004, which was followed by a panel discussion of women's rights "Where have we been & Where Do We Go From Here". Members thanked Abbe Land's Office for organizing this outstanding event. Members also discussed the Women's Health Month Information Table Project.

### C. SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Boardmembers reviewed the DRAFT poster design and outreach info cards. The poster was approved and members tentatively chose Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 PM as the date for the Sunset Blvd outreach to be done in conjunction with the Sunset BID and the Sheriff's Department.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN

Samer Rabadi and Jamie Skaluba from Amnesty International discussed the new worldwide campaign to combat violence against women. They asked the WAB to think about ways that Amnesty and the WAB/City could collaborate on issues of importance to help raise awareness about violence against women. Members discussed working with both Amnesty and the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, CAST on a joint project. A Motion was made by Mary O'Gorman, seconded by Marcy Norton and passed unanimously. MOTION: "The West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board recommends that the City of West Hollywood initiate a relationship with Amnesty International to mutually support its Worldwide Campaign to end Violence Against Women and that this project be added to the Women's Advisory Board's work plan"

### B. REPORT BACK FROM THE MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

Chairperson Judith Resell gave members a full report on the outstanding success of the lobbying of Congressional offices that was organized by Councilmember Abbe Land and her staff, as well as with the March For Women's Lives in Washington DC on April 25, 2004.

### C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

#### 1. Microbicide Development Act of 2003

Members discussed this legislation and a motion was made by Rae Mitchell "A recommendation to the West Hollywood City Council that it support the Microbicide Development Act of 2003" Approved unanimously.

#### 2. SB 1525 (Speier)

Members discussed SB 1525 and a motion was made: "A recommendation to the West Hollywood City Council that it support SB 1525 (Speier), a spot bill with the intent to enact legislation for the efficient implementation of Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program and Family PACT" Approved unanimously.

### D. CSW PRIDE PARADE

Members discussed plans for boards and commissions to participate in this year's gay pride parade. Members were asked to inform Larissa Fooks if they intent to participate in the City's official float/bus.

**E. GOTV EFFORTS TARGETING WOMEN**

Members discussed ways that they might support GOTV efforts during this election cycle.

**VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Lyndia Lowy distributed information regarding the founder of Curves Gym and his links to right wing organizations. She also asked to agendize SB 1178, a bill sponsored by Senator Kuehl regarding forster children.

Marcy Norton also commended about Curves Gym and remarked about attending a fundraiser and seeing Congresswoman Maxine Waters there.

**VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff announced that this year's Walk Against Hate will be held on Friday, June 11, 2004 at 8 PM at West Hollywood Park by the swimming pool.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Women's Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:00 PM to their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2004 in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069