

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, September 23, 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 Chairperson Rackley.

A. Oath of Office Administered to New Boardmembers:

Lisa Belsanti administered the oath of office to Sarah Dodge and Nicole Curran.

B. Roll Call

Roll

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

Staff: Lisa Belsanti

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of August 26, 2004: Corrections were made regarding item VI A. Board Elections. The Board agreed by consensus to omit the vote tally. Marcy Norton made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Heidi Schroeder and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Election Connection:

Renee Dake Wilson reported on behalf of the Subcommittee and gave a brief update the upcoming election forum events for the community. Flyers were made available for distribution. Subcommittee members will be staffing each of the meetings.

2. West Hollywood Book Fair Reception:

Marcy Norton gave a brief update on the event hosted by the WAB for women writers on Sunday, October 3rd at 9:00 am – 10:30 am at The Abbey.

3. Status of Women in West Hollywood:

Madeleine Rackley gave a brief update report on behalf of the Subcommittee. At their next meeting, the Subcommittee will be preparing the outline for the report. Issue areas that will be covered in the report include public safety, city government, census information, and health.

4. Special Event with NOW:

Brief follow up discussion regarding the recent reception hosted with the National Organization for Women at the Sunset Trocadero on November 21st with the President of NOW, Kim Gandy. Approximately \$1500 was raised.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Issues

The Board discussed the best ways to proceed to address local, statewide and national legislation and policy affecting women. It was suggested that WAB focus on specific issues and prioritize them.

1. Governor's Proposal to eliminate the California Commission on the Status of Women. Brief discussion of the City's resolution in support of the Commission. **No Action Taken.**

B. Congress of Boards and Commissions:

Staff reported on the upcoming meeting of all the City's Boards and Commissions on October 16, 2004. Boardmembers gave input regarding WAB's accomplishments in the past year, for inclusion in a report that will be presented at the event.

C. Healthy West Hollywood Month:

Staff gave a brief overview of the City's programming held during the month of October, promoting wellness in the community.

1. Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Kick-off October 4th

Rae Mitchell spoke about the activities planned for this year, focusing on outreach and education, which include banners featuring breast cancer survivors and information tables at local markets.

2. Domestic Violence Prevention Awards, October 27th

WAB members signed up to help host the event.

D. V-Day 2005:

Brief discussion regarding participating in V-Day, a worldwide campaign and annual day of protest on February 14th to end violence against women. Nicole Curran, Sarah Dodge and Mary O'Gorman volunteered to serve on a subcommittee.

E. Upcoming Meeting Scheduling & Review of Calendar of Events:

The Board discussed possible meeting dates for their November and December meetings which fall on holidays. Heidi Schroeder made a motion to reschedule the WAB meetings for November 18th and December 9th. The motion was seconded by Marcy Norton and passed unanimously.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Madeleine Rackley

Thanked Heidi Schroeder for her leadership as Vice Chair during the past year. Announced that Mayor Duran will speak to the Board next month and City Manager Paul Arevalo will attend in November.

Nicole Curran

Encouraged Members to donate blood at the upcoming Health Fair. Requested that World AIDS Day be added to the agenda for next month.

Marcy Norton

Commented about the recent Human Rights Speaker Series.

VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF–

Staff reminded the WAB about upcoming events: Commission and Advisory Board Annual Congress, Election Forum on October 19th and the Health Fair.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **October 28, 2004** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.