

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES

THURSDAY, June 24, at 7:00 p.m.

***Location: Community Conference Room
West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.***

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Judith Resell called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

A. Oath of Office Administered to new Boardmember
Madeleine Rackley by Lisa Belsanti.

B. Roll Call

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

Staff: Lisa Belsanti, Larissa Fooks and Rich Ryan.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Lyndia Lowy made a motion to approve the WAB meeting minutes of May 27, 2004, the motion was seconded by Heidi Schroeder and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nicole Curran from the Office of Assemblymember Paul Koretz introduced herself to the Board.

Mina Kedar, resident and former member of the Women's Advisory Board, introduced her neighbor Sarah Dodge who is interested in applying to the Women's Advisory Board.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign:

Staff gave a brief update on plans for the kick-off of the new West Hollywood Sexual Assault Awareness Education Campaign. The date of kick-off was changed to Friday, July 16, 2004. The subcommittee will meet on June 30th to finalize the logistics and coordinate outreach. Boardmembers signed up to participate on the outreach team.

B. Amnesty International's Violence Against Women Campaign:

Brief discussion of "next steps" on ways the Board can participate in Amnesty's campaign. Mary O'Gorman made a motion to form a subcommittee that would make recommendations to the Board. The motion was seconded by Renee Dake Wilson and passed unanimously. Subcommittee Members: Mary O'Gorman and Lyndia Lowy.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community Outreach:

Renee Dake Wilson initiated discussion about ways to increase the participation of younger women in civic activities, specifically young mothers. By consensus the Board agreed to form a subcommittee to develop a specific activity designed to increase the involvement of mothers with young children. Subcommittee Members: Renee Dake Wilson, Rae Mitchell and Lyndia Lowy.

B. Legislative Updates:

Renee Dake Wilson described the bill, SB 1178 (Kuehl) regarding the Teen Parents in Foster Care Act and gave an update on the statues. A motion was made to recommend City Support of SB 1178 by Renee

Dake Wilson, the motion was seconded by Lyndia Lowy and passed unanimously.

C. T- Shirts Promoting Violence Against Women:

The Board briefly discussed concerns about t-shirts with violent messages against women being sold by a clothing retailer in NJ that caters to young women. No action was taken.

D. West Hollywood Book Fair:

The Board discussed some ideas about how to connect and support the women authors who will be participating in the City's 3rd annual book fair "Fall In to Reading on Sunday October 3rd at West Hollywood Park from 10 AM – 6 PM. Marcy Norton proposed working with author Denise Hamilton and linking with the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking. The idea of hosting some type of reception was also mentioned. There will be a meeting with book fair planning staff to discuss ideas.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Judith Resell commented on the recent event in West Hollywood with Donna Brazile.

Marcy Norton commented on the upcoming area book signing events with in the area with Bill Clinton.

Deb Farmer gave a brief update about the status of SB 1525, regarding Family Pact. She also inquired about the appropriateness of Boardmembers accepting a "free dinner" offer.

Boardmember Madeleine Rackley agreed to give a brief summary of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission Report at the next WAB meeting

Heidi Schroeder recommended "Menopause the Musical" which she recently attended.

Lyndia Lowy suggested the Board nominate Mayor Pro Tempore Abbe Land for the Minerva Award, sponsored by the governor's office.

VII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF-

Staff commented about plans for ongoing Board Development and active recruitment of new Boardmembers.

Staff clarified the Board minutes are "action-oriented" and are not intended to be a detailed or verbatim record of the Board proceedings. It was requested that Boardmember corrections or additions to the minutes be substantive. Typographical errors can be noted in writing and routed to staff in order to avoid delaying the meeting.

Lisa Belsanti announced that Mayor Pro Tempore Land's Office is organizing a group of Board and Commission members to attend the upcoming West Hollywood Orchestra concert on July 24th.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourn to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **July 22, 2004** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.