

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

**MINUTES**

THURSDAY, July 28, 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 Madeleine Rackley at 7:00 PM.

**A. Roll Call**

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

Staff: Lisa Marie Belsanti

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Minutes of June 23, 2005 were approved by consensus.*

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Subcommittee Reports**

Update reports from subcommittees.

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

The Board briefly discussed presenting the report on the status of women in West Hollywood at the special televised Women's Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**B. Board Liaison Reports**

*Tabled.*

**C. Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2005**

The Subcommittee gave an update report on plans to commemorate the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote. The Board discussed outreach, refreshments and event materials.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

*TABLED.*

**B. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual West Hollywood Book Fair**

Roz Helfand, Book Fair Co-Coordinator, gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual West Hollywood Book Fair on Sunday, October 2nd.

**C. Townhall Meeting on Social Security Reform**

Kelly Alexander reported on hosting a townhall meeting on the proposed changes to Social Security and how it relates to women, seniors and people with disabilities. She will continue to develop the project and report back.

**D. NCJW/LA Community Forum on Slavery and Trafficking**

The Board agreed by consensus to co-sponsor a special community event hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women/LA on the issue of slavery and trafficking, tentatively scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **E. Election of Officers**

The Board conducted their annual election of officers. Madeleine Rackley was nominated for the office of chair and elected unanimously. Lyndia Lowy and Nicole Curran were both nominated for the office of vice chair. Lyndia Lowy was elected vice chair with a vote of 6-2. (one abstention)

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

No action taken.

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

### Marcy Norton:

Stated that the gift from the Board for Renee Dake Wilson had not been delivered yet. Inquired if there was funding available for members to attend the Governor's Conference for Women and Families on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **VII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None.

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **August 25, 2005** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.