

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 24, 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 7:08 PM.

B. Roll Call:

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

Staff: Lisa Belsanti

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of December 15, 2004: the Board approved the minutes by consensus.

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 reviewed a draft calendar for Women's History Month. It was requested that the proposed "Know Before You Go" Sexual Assault Awareness outreach be rescheduled from March 11 to a later date in the month.

A. Saturdays in the Park

Heidi Schroeder reported on plans for an arts and crafts project. Boardmembers signed up to volunteer.

B. Women's History Month Banner Project

The Subcommittee recommended Shirley Chisholm and Frances Eisenberg to be featured on banners this year. Nicole Curran made a motion to approve the recommendation, the motion was seconded by Lyndia Lowy and passed unanimously.

C. International Women's Day

The press conference with Amnesty International has been confirmed.

D. Women in Leadership Awards & Reception

The Women in Leadership Selection Committee met and selected the honorees for this year's award. Pending acceptance, the nominees are Sharon Davis, Former 1st Lady of California; activist/actress Khandi Alexander; Mimi McCormick, Director of Operations of MOCA; Shirley Bushnell, transgender activist; and Vera Rychkina & Zina Aksiutich, Library Manager and Librarian of the Russian Library in Plummer Park. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at Janus et Cie in the Pacific Design Center from 6pm – 8 pm.

E. Women's History Month Lobby Display

Sarah Dodge reported on her presentation to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission regarding a proposal for an artist in residence project with Rosewood Elementary. The feedback

was productive and she will be moving forward with staff on selecting an artist for project. The children's artwork will be displayed at either City Hall or Plummer Park.

2. Status of Women in West Hollywood

The Subcommittee will meet and determine if they will be ready to present their findings at a televised meeting of the Board in March.

3. V-Day 2005

Boardmember Sarah Dodge gave a brief update regarding the local benefit production of Eve Ensler's *Vagina Monologues*. The performance will be on Saturday, February 26th at 8pm at the Pacific Design Center. Sarah Dodge is assisting with organizing the reception and the information tables at the event. They are seeking gift bag donations.

4. Anniversary of Roe V. Wade:

Nicole Curran reported on the recent event co-sponsored with Planned Parenthood to commemorate the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe V. Wade. The film screening of the film *Vera Drake* was very successful. The film was shown twice to accommodate the turnout.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Femme Film Festival

Tabled.

B. Legislative Issues

No discussion. A copy of the city council agenda item opposing the Pharmacists Refusal Clause was circulated to members for informational purposes.

C. Review of Calendar of Events:

Received and filed.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Sarah Dodge announced that she is moving to San Diego and will be resigning from the Board effective March 8th .

VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **February 24, 2005** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.