

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, April 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 7:10 PM.

A. Madeleine Rackley announced that Suzanne Badawi was appointed by the City Council to the Board but has since declined the position.

B. Roll Call

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

Staff: Lisa Marie Belsanti

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of March 31, 2005: Corrections were noted:

Under Roll Call corrections: Debra Farmer; absent; Lyndia Lowy; present, and Judith Resell, absent.

Under Unfinished Business, item A (1) Women's History Month 2005, typographical errors were noted.

The Minutes were approved by consensus as amended.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

IV. PRESENTATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUSAN KEENE

Susan Keene gave a general overview about the City's Community Development Department, specifically the Planning and Building and Safety Divisions as well as the development process and current projects.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Reports

Update reports from subcommittees.

1. Status of Women in West Hollywood:

Renee Dake Wilson reported on the progress of the subcommittee.

2. Annual Kids' Fair

Heidi Schroeder reported on behalf of the subcommittee. Renee Dake Wilson, Rae Mitchell and Heidi Schroeder worked with kids to create arts using items from nature. The booth was very busy. Due to a miscommunication there was no WAB literature or signage at the booth. It was suggested that WAB members notify staff and plan to pick up literature prior to events.

B. Board Liaison Reports

WAB liaison assigned to other City Boards and Commissions gave brief reports.

Project Area Committee: Lyndia Lowy reported. The PAC currently has a number of big development projects in the works, including mixed-use projects.

Human Services Commission: Deb Farmer and Rae Mitchell reported. The HSC discussed various health issues and concerns, specifically kids at risk for health problems such as asthma and the needs of working families.

Senior Advisory Board: Kelly Alexander reported. The SAB has adopted a position in support of AARP stance on regarding the President's proposal for Social Security and Medicare.

C. Spring To Action For Women's Health Month

The "Know Before You Go" Sexual Assault Outreach has been rescheduled for Friday May 20th at 8 pm.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

Discussion of local, statewide and national legislation and policy affecting women. Legislative update report.

1. Healthy Families Program

Deb Farmer gave an update on the status of the Health Families Program. Children aged 0-19 are insured in California only children aged 0-6 are actually covered and those aged 6-19 are unfunded due to the "caps" imposed by the current state budget.

2. Nicole Curran spoke in support of AB 291 (KORETZ), concerning Postpartum mood and anxiety disorder screenings. The Board tabled further discussion on the issue for further review.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

C. The Board discussed the scheduling if upcoming meetings.

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on May 26th was rescheduled to May 25th.
2. The Board is interested in having a televised meeting in September 2005.
3. The annual Board election of officers was confirmed for the July 21st meeting of the Board.

C. Review of Calendar of Events:

No action taken.

D. Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade Contingent

Madeleine Rackley, Marcy Norton, Hedi Schroeder, Rnee Dake Wilson Nicole Curran, Kelly Alexander and Deb Farmer all expressed interest in participating in the City's contingent for the LA Pride parade on Sunday June 12th.

VII. CHAIRS MEETING REPORT

Madeleine Rackley gave a report on the recent bi-monthly Chairs Meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lyndia Lowy announced the upcoming Russian Cultural Festival on May 19th.

Marcy Norton announced that she was elected president of her condo board. She also West Hollywood Democrats announced an upcoming forum hosted by the Stonewall Democratic Club

Renee Dake Wilson commented on the Parental Notification bill passing in the House.

Nicole Curran announced that the office of Assembly Member Paul Koretz is hosting an open house from 5-7pm on May 19th. She also urged boardmembers to write to the Governor in opposition of his plans to hold a special election in November.

VIII ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None.

IX ADJOURNMENT

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 PM to their next regular meeting at 7pm on **May 25, 2005** in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.