

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wendy Krueger at 7:17 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Janet Chapman	Present
Jerrie Heslov	Present
Minda Kedar	Present
Wendy Krueger, Vice Chair	Present
Judy Lubin	Present
Claire Magaha	Present
Sandi Margolis	Present
Meri McCann	Present
Danielle Noble	Present
Judith Resell, Vice Chair	Present
Heidi Kim Schroeder	Present
Rae Mitchell	Present
Marcy Norton, Recording Secretary	Present

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Roz Helfand

B. Review of the Agenda

Staff clarified the omission of Recording Secretary from the item V. A.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 22, 2002 meeting. ***Tabled.***

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public presented at this meeting.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Violence Against Women Issues:

The Board was scheduled to discuss certain issues related to violence against women, some of which were to include a report from the Sheriff's Department; however, no representative appeared from the Sheriff's Department, so those topics were tabled (i.e., West Hollywood Hate Crime Prevention Updates and West Hollywood Rape Statistics). The Board discussed V-Day, an annual day of protest to end violence against women. Danielle Noble suggested that the Board should reconsider doing as much event programming as it has done in the past because she feels it puts too much burden on staff. She suggested that the Board should perhaps do a resolution or co-sponsor someone else's event. There was some discussion about possibly promoting an informational campaign regarding date rape and/or rape statistics.

B. Women's Lives, Achieving Workplace Wellness, October 24-25, 2002

Claire Magaha began the status report of the sub-committee on the plans for a conference to be held and sponsored by the Women's Advisory Board on issues facing women in the workplace, entitled "You've Come a Long Way . . . Maybe?" Claire reported about the make-up of a panel discussion to accompany the screening of the movie "9 to 5" on the final night of the conference. Danielle Noble reported about the plans for the panel discussion on "Workplace Wellness" including about the participants and the topics to be covered. Staff liaison Larissa Fooks reported on the community outreach she and others have been doing to encourage attendance and indicated what help is still needed from members of the Board. Claire discussed the raffle prizes that have been obtained thus far.

C. West Hollywood Book Fair, October 5, 2002

City staff member Roz Helfand appeared and presented a status report on the plans for the City's upcoming first annual Book Fair, "Fall Into Reading". The Board discussed a suggestion that it hold a reception for women authors

who would be participating in the event, but it was agreed that this did not seem feasible at this time. The Board agreed to limit their participation to volunteering at information booths.

D. Breast Cancer Awareness

Rae Mitchell reported on plans for the Board's participation in Breast Cancer Awareness month, asking for volunteers to join in a community walk distributing door- and shower-hangers about breast self-examination on Saturday, 10/26/02. She noted that four grocery stores in the community would be distributing 10,000 of the shower hangers as well.

E. Lesbian Visibility Update

Meri McCann reported on plans for programming for the lesbian community that the Women's Board may co-sponsor or participate in. She indicated that an event called "Women of Mystery" involving lesbian women mystery writers is being planned for January of 2003, and she asked Board members to suggest other possible events that she can take to the planning committee.

F. Women's History Month (March, 2003)

The Board discussed its plans for the annual celebration of Women's History Month in March. Wendy Krueger reported about various activities that have been undertaken by the Board in past years, and staff provided the Board with extensive literature and information on many of these activities. Danielle Noble raised concerns that the Board should consider cutting back on the amount of event planning it may consider doing because of a lack of Board participation and staffing; this issue was discussed. Wendy Krueger made a motion that, for Women's History Month of March, 2003, the Board should drop its annual International Women's Day event commit to the following four (4) events: Saturdays in the Park; the Kick-off Banner Event at the City Council meeting on 3/4/03; the lobby display related to women's history; and the annual "Women in Leadership" awards reception; and further, that the Board consider possibly holding an additional event such as a poetry reading and/or participation in Outfest related to lesbian films at a later time. Marcy Norton seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

Members of the Board were asked to volunteer to serve on sub-committees to help plan the, events, that were committed to. Staff indicated that traditionally, members show up to participate at Saturdays in the Park and preparing the lobby display without needing to form a sub-committee for either, but the other two events require planning. Volunteers for the "Banners" sub-committee were Marcy Norton, Meri

Mccann, Claire Magaha and Heidi Schroeder. Volunteers for the "Women in Leadership" sub-committee were Wendy Krueger, Sandi Margolis and Marcy Norton.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Sandi Margolis nominated Wendy Krueger as Chair; Wendy Krueger declined the nomination. Mina Kedar nominated Claire Magaha as Chair; Meri McCann seconded the nomination. Wendy Krueger moved to close nominations; Meri McCann seconded the motion. Claire Magaha was elected unanimously. Marcy nominated Wendy Krueger to serve as Vice Chair; Sandi Margolis seconded the nomination. Claire Magaha moved to close nominations; Heidi Schroeder seconded the motion. Wendy Krueger was elected unanimously. It was explained that there would be no election of a Secretary for the Board because of the City's plan to have staff fill that role in the near future; Marcy Norton volunteered to continue to fill that role until such time as staff takes it over.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

A. Marcy Norton raised certain questions about the Board's continued problems with getting a quorum for its meetings. She noted that by turning in attendance records only for meetings actually held, there is no mechanism in place for reporting habitual lack of attendance by members who are often responsible for the lack of a quorum so that no meeting is held and thus no attendance report is made.

B. Marcy announced that the Friends of the West Hollywood Library will be holding its annual "Book & Bake Sale" to raise money on Saturday, 11/2/02, and she invited Board members to attend.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Roz Helfand announced that the next event in the Human Rights Speakers Series, with the topic of "Death Penalty Focus" will be held on Tuesday, 10/22/02, and she invited Board members to attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board adjourned at to its next regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2002, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.