

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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Molly Casey called the meeting to order at 7:26 pm

A. Roll Call :

Present: Molly Casey, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Anne Toole, and Noemi Torres.

Absent: Carla Browning, Stephanie Cubba, and Tina Moore

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison: Shawn Christianson, Recording Secretary.

II. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tabled.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no items from the public.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women

Staff gave a brief recap regarding the work the Board has done so far regarding their review of the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women. The Board discussed information from recent presentations they received. Some questions arose regarding domestic violence statistics reported by West Hollywood Sherriff's Station and the City and the domestic violence-related services provided by the City's social services providers. The City's Domestic Violence Task Force

representative will be invited back to clarify some information. The Board discussed public safety and, resources for job training Staff distributed an annual report from the City's Housing Division. There will be a presentation at a future WAB meeting regarding the City's housing services.

B. Board Special Televised Meeting on November 10, 2014

The Board discussed whether to utilize the televised meeting to focus on special presentations or hold a meeting focused on their on-going work. The meeting content options were discussed such as including an introduction about what the Board and sharing the Board's Annual Report. It was agreed by consensus that the televised meeting be essentially a regular meeting of the Board in terms of the agenda. Staff will prepare a draft agenda for the Board's review at their October 23rd meeting.

V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION

A. Board Legislative Review Process

The Board continued to discussed ways they could be most effective in making recommendations to the City Council. The Board discussed a draft document outlining a process which has been in development over the past year. The Board agreed by consensus to work as a collective in reviewing legislative issues versus utilizing a subcommittee process. The Board also agreed it would be more efficient for them to collaborate with advocacy organizations and access existing resources for legislative research and analysis versus initiating research from scratch.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Co-sponsorship of Hollywood NOW Annual Meeting

Reina Martinez, President of Hollywood NOW, spoke to The Board about co-sponsoring their annual meeting on November 6, 2014 by providing a meeting location. The meeting will be open to the public and feature guest speaker M. Laura Herrera, VP of Stonewall Young Democrats and President of Planned Parenthood Young Professionals who will be discussing the "Above All Campaign" and reproductive rights. Boardmember Noemi Torres made a motion to support Hollywood Now Annual Meeting which was seconded by Boardmember Nadia Sutton. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Co-Sponsorship of the International Gaming Association Event on the Harassment of Women in the Public Eye

Boardmember Anne Toole, who is also on the Board of the International Gaming Developers Association, Los Angeles Chapter, discussed tentative plans for an event that feature possibly Sandra Fluke and game industry women. Co-sponsorship from the Board to assist with obtaining a City venue was requested. The Board agreed by consensus to support the event if and when plans are finalized.

C. National Women's History Month 2015

Staff distributed information and gave a brief overview regarding the annual programming for National Women's History Month. It was suggested past/present women leaders who have served on City Council be recognized in some way such as on the Women's History Month banners. It was also suggested that this idea be linked in some way to the Women's Leadership Conference, i.e/ a leadership workshop. Further discussion was tabled.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

No reports.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL

Boardmember Nadia Sutton will report for the month of October.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Feedback and updates regarding the following co-sponsored activities:

- o Women's Equality Day Subcommittee: Tabled.
- o She's History: Staff reported that everything is moving along and confirmed participation of kids from the West Hollywood Teen Center. Silvia Salguero and Noemi Torres will be representing the Board and staffing a table at the October 19th event.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Reina Martinez, President Hollywood Now spoke about a protest at Hobby Lobby at 641 N Victory Blvd in Burbank on Saturday, October 11, 2014, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Also, Hollywood NOW is participating in the AIDS Walk and the team is Hollywood NOW 1823 on Facebook. Boardmembers were invited to join their team.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Nadia Sutton who also founded PAWS/LA spoke about PAWS/LA's 25th Anniversary gala on October 16, 2014 with Lorna Luft performing that will honor Betty White.

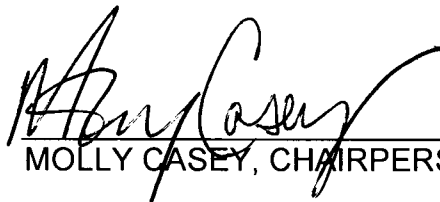
XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

1. Staff reminded Boardmembers about the City's Annual Commission and Board Congress meeting October 8, 2014.
2. Staff reminded Boardmembers that the required ethics training for public officials must be completed by January 2015 and is available online.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:47 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Park Library, all located at 625 N. Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.



MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY