

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

*Location: Rooms 5 & 6, Comprehensive Services Center Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd West Hollywood, CA 90046*

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Roll Call:

Present: Molly Casey, Debra D'Amico, Tina Moore, Anne Toole, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Noemi Torres and Anne Toole.

Absent: Stephanie Cubba

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 6, 2014 meeting were approved by consensus.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tristian Schukraft, West Hollywood resident, spoke regarding his campaign for West Hollywood City Council.

IV. BOARD RETREAT:

The Board segued into a staff facilitated retreat format focused their work plan and calendar of activities for 2015. Discussion included legislation and policy process, ways to support young women and participation in the Association of California Women's Commissions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Board reviewed draft of a preliminary report of recommendations from the Board to the City Council regarding the West Hollywood Report on the Report on the Status of Women. The preliminary report will be submitted to the City Council in February.

B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2015

Brief updates regarding program development for the City's annual National Women's History Month celebration during the month of March 2015. The Board discussed ideas on how to honor Councilmember Abbe Land who founded the WAB and who's last meeting will be on March 2, 2015. Boardmember Torres suggested creating a photo book and volunteered to help put it together. The Board also requested a special plaque be created.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF “CONVERSATION ‘BOUT THE GIRLS”

Sonia Jackson presented information about her play “Conversations ‘Bout the Girls” that she would like to produce in West Hollywood. The Board was invited to attend a play reading event in March. The Board will consider co-sponsorship of the play at a later date.

B. SUPPORT FOR THE US NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR UN WOMEN CAMPAIGNS

Tabled.

C. CO-SPONSORSHIP OF “BEYOND CHOICE. REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. A HUMAN ISSUE”

The Board discussed co-sponsoring an upcoming City program in partnership with the LGBT Center’s Leadership Lab and Planned Parenthood LA about a new and effective advocacy strategy to advance reproductive rights protections. Boardmember Toole made a motion in support of co-sponsoring the programming which was seconded by Boardmember Sutton and passed unanimously.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Board discussion of Legislative and policy issues affecting women.

A. CITIES FOR CEDAW AND THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Staff gave a brief update regarding the Board’s recommendation in support of the Cities for CEDAW Campaign. There will be an agenda item in February regarding the City’s implementation of CEDAW.

B. WOMEN VETERANS/WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Staff shared a brief update regarding ways and opportunities to support women veterans and those currently serving in the military.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Boardmember Toole announced that she would be attending the Association of California Women’s Commission meeting in San Francisco at the end of the month.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Vice Chair Salguero will make the report regarding the January meeting.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA’s Roe v Wade Event- January 22, 2015 – Tina Moore gave a brief update. WAB members will be part of the engagement team interacting attendees during the reception.

2. One Billion Rising Revolution, February 13-14, 2015 – Staff gave a brief update regarding the City sponsored kick-off event on February 13th.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Brief remarks from Advisory Board members.

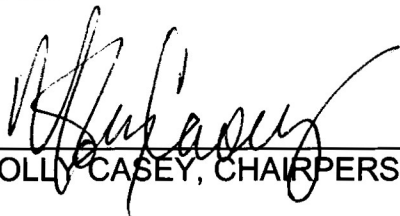
XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff invited the Board to attend the City sponsored Roe V. Wade press conference on January 22nd at 10 am at City Hall.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

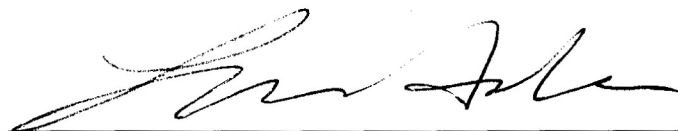
The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:19 pm to their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at the Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Park Library, all located at 625 N. Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.



MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY/STAFF LIAISON