

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

**MINUTES**

THURSDAY, February 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
*Community Meeting Room, West Hollywood Park*

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Molly Casey, Stephanie Cubba, Debra D'Amico, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Noemi Torres.

Absent: None

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, John Erickson, Recording Secretary

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Tabled

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Laura Wise, Co-Chair of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, spoke about Her/LA, the Feminist Festival on April 25, 2015 that she is producing. Ms. Wise also spoke about the lack of a female doctor at the Los Angeles LGBT Center and spoke about ways the Women's Advisory Board could help advocate for the hiring of a female doctor.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

• **Housing Services**

Andi Lovano, Project Development Administrator, in the Human Services and Rent Stabilizations Division, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Housing Services available in the City of West Hollywood. The Board requested further information regarding the gender breakdown of the individuals on the City's low-income housing list

• **Aging in Place**

Andi Lovano, Program Development Administrator, gave a presentation of the City's Aging in Place Strategic Plan that aims to create a work plan to meet the current and future needs of seniors and those aging in place in West Hollywood. She asked the Board to choose one delegate and one alternate to represent the Board Aging in Place Strategic Plan meeting to be held May 9<sup>th</sup>..

Boardmember Sutton volunteered to serve as the delegate and Boardmember Torres volunteered to serve as the alternate.

Staff reported about the preliminary feedback report on the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women that was submitted to the City Council for their review. The City Council approved the Board's recommendations regarding public safety issues.

## **B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2015**

Staff gave brief updates regarding programming planned for National Women's History Month. The Board discussed several activities.

### **Women's History Month Banner Unveiling:**

Boardmember Sutton, Salguero, Moore, D'Amico and Casey confirmed their attendance and participation for the Women's History Month Banner unveiling at 5:30 pm on March 2, 2015 and assist with the event. Boardmember Sutton and Chairperson Casey will do the presentations for the banner honorees Barbara Gittings and Maya Angelou respectively.

### **International Women's Day:**

Boardmembers Salguero, D'Amico, and Moore will staff a Board table at the event on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm – 3:30 pm at Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park.

### **Hollywood NOW's Young Activist Bootcamp:**

Boardmember Moore will represent the Board at Hollywood NOW's Young Activity bootcamp.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women in Leadership Awards:**

The Board discussed selection of a beneficiary for the donations collected at the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women in Leadership Awards. Boardmember Cubba made a motion that the donations go to benefit the City's Youth Scholarship Fund. Vice Chair Salguero seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. It was determined that Boardmembers Casey, Sutton, Torres and Toole will make the presentations to the honorees. Each person will contact the honoree in advance of the event to prepare their presentation.

### **Anais Nin's Influence:**

Boardmember Sutton will represent the Board at the event.

### **Women's History Month Art Exhibition**

Staff updated the Board about plans for the Women's Art Exhibition. The project is behind schedule. The subcommittee will meet to create the tentative timeline for the exhibition's launch.

### **March 16, 2015 Council Meeting:**

Boardmember Torres spoke about the Board's participation the upcoming March 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting that will be Councilmember Abbe Land's last meeting. A plaque will be presented to Councilmember Land in recognition of her founding the WAB, on behalf of the Board as well as a photo album of pictures representing her

time at the City. Chairperson Casey and Boardmembers Torres, Sutton and Salguero confirmed their participation in the presentation. Staff brought up an issue previously raised by the Board about the lack of visible recognition of former City Councilmembers and the idea to display pictures of former Councilmembers somewhere publicly to represent the ongoing history of the City of West Hollywood. Staff asked that if Board wished to discuss making a formal recommendation in the near future it would be placed on an agenda for their further consideration.

### **C. BOARD WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**

The Board discussed upcoming time sensitive items on their current work plan that would occur before the end of the fiscal year. The Board discussed ways to commemorate Equal Pay Day which falls on April 14, 2015. There was no consensus on any specific idea to pursue. It was suggested that Boardmembers do more research by reaching out to organizations and experts and report back at the March meeting.

### **V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:**

#### **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 updated the Board that the City Council adopted a resolution at their February 17, 2015 meeting to implement the CEDAW initiative. Staff will report back to the Board with further updates.

#### **B. LEGISLATION: WOMEN'S HEALTH**

Staff presented information on the Reproductive FACT Act and the Women's Health Protection Act. It was suggested that having speakers about legislation would be helpful in general.

#### **C. BOARD LEGISLATIVE TRAINING**

The Board discussed scheduling a date for a legislative training. Staff was directed to proceed with scheduling a training as soon as possible versus waiting until the next fiscal year.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. WEST HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Staff gave a brief overview regarding upcoming 2015 Women's Leadership Conference and ways that the Board could participate. The Board will discuss how they will participate in the Conference at their March meeting. The Board formed a subcommittee to further discuss and report back with recommended actions to the Board in March. Subcommittee members are Boardmembers Casey, Toole and Torres. .

- **20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HEALTHY WEST HOLLYWOOD KIDS FAIR 2015**

- Staff gave a brief overview about the upcoming annual West Hollywood Kids Fair occurring on April 25 in West Hollywood Park and asked if they would like to participate by hosting an activity booth. The Board agreed by consensus to participate and Boardmember Torres volunteered to follow up about ideas for an activity.

## **VII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

Boardmember Toole gave a report about the recent AACW meeting she attended as the WAB's liaison which was held in San Francisco. AACW members attended a conference hosted by the City of San Francisco which highlighted their local implementation of CEDAW. She informed the Board that the AACW will be hosting a conference in Sacramento, CA and that the entire Board was invited.

Boardmember Cubba announced that Mount Saint Mary's University would be having its annual launch event for the 2015 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California on March 19<sup>th</sup> and the Board is invited to attend.

## **IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

Boardmember Tina Moore volunteered to report for the month of February.

## **X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA's Roe v Wade Event- Jan 22, 2015
  - Boardmember Moore reported that the event was a success and that it was standing room only. She stated the event was powerful and effective. Boardmembers Sutton and D'Amico were also in attendance.
2. Beyond Choice. Reproduction Rights. A Human Issue. – Jan 28, 2015
  - Boardmember Sutton stated that the event was a success and that it was extremely informative to know more about the commonalities between abortion access and gay marriage.

## **XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

NONE

## **XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember Torres spoke about the upcoming play *Conversations About the Girls* that would be occurring in Venice in the upcoming weeks and if people were interested in attending to reach out to her.

**XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**


John Erickson commented that he was back as the Recording Secretary for the Women's Advisory Board and that he has been recently hired as the City of West Hollywood's Community Events Technician.

Larissa Fooks passed out information about the City's upcoming free yoga class for Heart Health Awareness Month in West Hollywood Park on Saturday, February 27, 2015 at 10:00 am and encouraged the Board to attend.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:05 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 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 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015.

  
MOLLY CASEY, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
JOHN ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY