

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

THURSDAY, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
1st Floor Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Salguero called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

A. Roll Call

Present: Molly Casey, Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Noemi Torres.

Absent: Tina Moore, Anne Toole and Kelly Alexander

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, John Erickson, Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Savage, Director, Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, Gloria Aviles, Rent Stabilization and Housing Coordinator.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Boardmember Eyres made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 21, 2015 and Vice Chair Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Barbara Meltzer, Vice-Chair, Human Services Commission for the City of West Hollywood, spoke about the issue of aging in place/aging in community, the City's five-year strategic plan, and its effects on women.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:

Elizabeth Savage, Director, Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization presented to the Board the City's five-year strategic plan for Aging in Place/Aging in Community. She requested that Boardmembers continue to review the report and the strategies and send any questions they might have to her via email by November 30, 2015.

The Board discussed the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Five-Year Strategic Plan. The Board discussed the plan's current \$4.3 million dollar budget; whether or not the City's affordable housing stock will continue to grow as new residential construction is built and whether or not senior housing will be a priority as the cost of living continues to rise; and whether or not social and community programming will grow for women since they outnumber men 2 to 1 in the report.

V. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN:

The Board reviewed potential additions to the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women. Staff was directed to cluster economic related information for the Board's further review. Staff presented a potential proposed process for gathering input from City Advisory Boards regarding their respective constituency for inclusion in the update to the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women.

VI. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Staff gave a brief update regarding recent legal challenges to the Reproductive Fact Act and the campaign recently launched in support of the Each Woman Act and that staff will distribute information to the Board about ways to get involved.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Televised Board Meeting, October 21, 2015

The Board suggested working to make sure more people attend their next televised meeting but agreed by consensus that it was a successful meeting.

- **National Women's History Month 2016**

The Board reviewed their current subcommittee assignments for National Women's History Month 2016.

- Vice Chair Torres presented updates to the Board regarding the Women's Art Exhibition event.
- Boardmember Eyres presented updates to the Board regarding the Women and Books Club that meets monthly at the West Hollywood Library. The March book is *The Art of Memoir* by Mary Karr. Notes from the Subcommittee were distributed.
- Boardmember Eyres presented updates regarding the International Women's Day event and that she attended the most recent planning meeting. She stated that the meeting organizer needs help in promotion of the event to women, identifying or booking vendors for the event, booking and coordinating a fashion show or other activities during the event.
- Boardmember D'Amico presented updates to the Board regarding the Women and the Graphic Novel event and suggested potential speakers to invite to speak at the event.
- Boardmember Eyres reported that Hollywood NOW will present an event for Board co-sponsorship at the December 10, 2015 meeting.

Staff presented updates to the Board regarding the Women Manifest kickoff event on Friday, March 4, 2015 and potential ways that the Board could be involved at the event; how the Board can support the other various Women Manifest events throughout the month of March such as a film and dance event; and encouraged the Board to attend the next Women Manifest mixer at Gracias Madre on December 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Staff reported that the process for the selection of the Women's History Month banner nominees could be the same as last year if the Board desired and that

members would nominate individuals via an online form. Staff would report back at the next meeting on the nominees and the Board will officially select the two women who will be honored with banners for Women's History Month at the December 10th, 2015 meeting.

B. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015 and Boardmember Casey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Boardmember Casey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2015 and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA's Roe v. Wade Event

Boardmember Sutton reported briefly regarding a recent event planning meeting she attended. Boardmember Casey made a motion to co-sponsor the NCJW/LA Roe v. Wade event planned for January 22, 2016 and Vice Chair Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Public Input Hearing for Select Committee on the Status of Girls and Women of Color

Chair Salguero and Vice Chair Torres volunteered to attend the meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Cerritos College.

C. Board Participation in the Annual California Women's Policy Summit and the Annual Association of California Commissions Conference

Staff reported that they will come back to the Board with options about how more members of the Board might be able to attend the meeting. Boardmember Toole will be attending the meeting as the Board's representative.

IX. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None.

X. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Chair Salguero volunteered to report for the month of November.

XI. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

None.

2. 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONVERSATIONS 'BOUT THE GIRLS'

Vice Chair Torres presented to the Board that the event was a success.

3. Women In Film Speaker Series

Vice Chair Salguero presented to the Board that the last event was well attended and that the data that was presented was timely. The next event will be on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

4. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

Boardmember Eyres and Vice Chair Torres presented to the Board that they recently went on a walk around the City with the Sherriff's department and focused on issues such as auto and car theft and how to prevent getting your car broken into.

5. Co-sponsorship of Project Angel Food's Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Vice Chair presented to the Board that the response to the event has been positive and that sales for pies have been successful.

6. Economic Empowerment/Pay Equity

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

XIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Sutton updated the Board that the next meeting for Ending the Statute of Limitations on Rape will occur on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 12:00 pm and take place on Bill Cosby's star and invited Boardmembers to attend if they are available and wear white t-shirts.

Vice Chair Salguero wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Boardmember Eyres invited everyone to attend the Transgender Day of Remembrance event on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the West Hollywood Autocourt.


XIV. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:52 pm until their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the 1st Floor Community Conference Room, West Hollywood City Hall located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER 2015.



SILVIA SALGUERO, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY