

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

THURSDAY, December 10, 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 7:11pm.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Kelly Alexander, Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Noemi Torres.

Absent: Anne Toole and Molly Casey

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Boardmember Eyres made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 19, 2015 and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN:

The Board reviewed economic related suggestions to the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women, specifically including economic issues facing transgender women; the importance of credit scores and how that helps pertain to financial security; and women's individual readiness for retirement and whether or not they are prepared to retire. Staff reported that other City advisory boards and commissions have been invited and will attend the January 28, 2016 Women's Advisory Board meeting to provide additional feedback for the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women. Staff also reported that there will be a follow up report to the City Council in February 2016 recommending that the City's update to the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women and the City's implementation of CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, become integrated in terms of process.

V. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Annual Commemoration of Roe v. Wade

Staff updated the Board regarding the January 19, 2016 annual commemoration of Roe V. Wade event that will be held at the City Council Meeting.

B. Co-sponsorship of Women Manifest

Boardmember Eyres suggested connecting the Russian Advisory Board with representatives of Women Manifest to collaborate and do a craft services event during Women's History Month. Vice Chair Torres made a motion to officially co-sponsor Women Manifest events throughout Women's History Month in 2016 and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. National Women's History Month 2016

- International Women's Day
 - Boardmember Eyres presented that the Russian Advisory Board (RAB) needs more information regarding the Board's co-sponsorship of their International Women's Day event. Specifically, the RAB needs help in promoting the event, attendance, and getting young women to attend the event. The Board agreed by consensus to have a table at the event, explore the possibility of providing performers, and have a giveaway at the table to give out to attendees to get them to speak to the Board. Boardmembers D'Amico, Eyres, and Torres volunteered to staff the Board's table at the event.
- Women in Leadership Awards
 - Staff gave an update regarding the Women in Leadership Awards and the selection criteria for the recipients. They reported that there will be a selection committee meeting in January and that they will report back with more information.
- Women's History Month Banner Selections
 - Boardmember Sutton made a motion to nominate Billie Jean King, activist and tennis champion, for the 2016 Women's History Month banner and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was selected as the second honoree for the 2016 Women's History Month banner by a majority vote.
- National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
 - Boardmember Moore suggested potentially screening the new documentary film "Treatment for All" on March 10 in honor of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and to have a Q&A follow the event. Boardmember Sutton made a motion to support screening the documentary film "Treatment for All" on March 10 in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Hollywood NOW Co-Sponsored Event
 - Boardmember Eyres provided an update to the Board regarding co-sponsoring a Hollywood NOW event during Women's History Month.

She mentioned that Hollywood NOW would like to host a meet-n-greet in the Community Meeting Room in the West Hollywood Library and facilitate a short program where they honor a woman who has given a lot to the women's rights community and that they are currently vetting potential honorees. Vice Chair Torres made a motion to co-sponsor a Hollywood NOW meet-n-greet during Women's History Month and Boardmember Moore second the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Boardmember Eyres abstaining.

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

Chair Salguero and Vice Chair Torres reported about speaking at the Public Input Hearing for Select Committee on the Status of Girls and Women of Color. The turn-out was great and information was shared about the Board's upcoming women's history month activities.

C. Women's Advisory Board Retreat Meeting

Staff reported to the Board that the January 28, 2016 meeting will start at 6:00 pm and cover official business and at 7:00 pm transition the retreat format. Boardmember Alexander suggested starting off the retreat with an ice breaker at the retreat and that she'll bring one for the Board to do.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Sutton volunteered to report for the month on December.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

No report.

2. Women In Film Speaker Series

Boardmember Torres reported that she attended the last Women in Film event and that it was well attended.

3. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

Boardmember Sutton reported to the Board about the joint meeting and the ongoing process of creating a new sexual assault awareness campaign. Vice Chair Torres discussed that she'll be attending the upcoming "Don't Drink and Drive" event on Monday, December 14th outside the West Hollywood Sheriff's station.

Co-sponsorship of Project Angel Food's Thanksgiving Fundraiser

Boardmember Torres presented that the event was successful and she is trying to get final numbers to report to the Board.

4. Economic Empowerment/Pay Equity

No report.

5. NCJW/LA's Roe v. Wade Event

Staff reported that the next meeting for the event will be on Monday, December 21, 2015. The event will be similar to last year's event and focus on "storytelling."

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Anny Semonco, Boardmember, Disabilities Advisory Board, stated that she'll be attending the upcoming Board meeting on January 28, 2016 and that she'll bring feedback from for the Status of Women Report from the Disabilities Advisory Board.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Sutton spoke about the "End Rape Statute of Limitations" event that took place on Bill Cosby's star on Saturday, November 21 and that State Senator Connie M. Leyva (D-Chino) will be introducing a new bill to overturn the time limit in January when the new legislative season begins. Boardmember Sutton also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Brad Burlingame, President and CEO, Visit West Hollywood, who passed away recently.

Boardmember Eyres spoke that the End Rape Statute of Limitations event was very successful and that people who were passing by on the street were very receptive and that the event got a lot of media attention.

Chair Salguero wished the Board and staff happy holidays.

Boardmember Alexander thanked staff for the work they do on the weekly West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference & Network's calendar of local events.


XIII. ITEM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Fooks spoke about the upcoming MLK Day of Service event on Saturday, January 23, 2016 and the upcoming annual V-DAY celebration in February. She stated that staff will come back with more information regarding the program taking place to commemorate V-DAY in West Hollywood. Additionally, Fooks spoke about the rollout of the City's Heart Health Awareness Campaign and its impact on women and that she'll be bringing back more information to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:15 pm in memory of Brad Burlingame until their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2016 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 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2016.



SILVIA SALGUERO, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY