

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

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 28, 2016 at 6:00 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 6:11 pm

A. Roll Call

Present: Karen Eyres, Tina Moore, Silvia Salguero, Nadia Sutton, Anne Toole, and Noemi Torres

Absent: Kelly Alexander

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 December 10, 2015 and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Boardmember Toole abstaining.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Michelle Dennis, Treasurer, Women's League of Voters – Los Angeles, spoke about the League of Women Voters' Transgender and Gender Expansive Voter Registration and Voter Empowerment event in March 2016 and invited the Board to attend the event and that she'd provide more information to the Board in the future.

James Wen, Transgender Advisory Board Chair, spoke about the League of Women Voters' Transgender and Gender Expansive Voter Registration and Voter Empowerment Event and requested the Board co-sponsor the event; provide assistance in helping with staffing the event, and general promotion.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, Disabilities Advisory Boardmember, spoke about mental health and the role it plays in women's lives and general statistics regarding mental health awareness.

Christina Banchemero, spoke on behalf of Women Manifest and the upcoming events that would be taking place during Women's History Month throughout the City of West Hollywood and greater Los Angeles in the month of March.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Live Love Thrive Conference

Catherine Gray, Conference Founder, Live Love Thrive Conference, presented to the board about the upcoming Live Love Thrive Conference and requested their co-sponsorship for the event.

Vice Chair Torres made a motion to co-sponsor the Live Love Thrive Conference in November 2016 and Boardmember Sutton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

1. Reschedule the March 2016 meeting from March 24 – March 31st

Boardmember Eyres made a motion to move the March 24th meeting to March 31st and Vice Chair Torres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Cancel the April 28, 2016 meeting. –

Boardmember Moore made a motion to cancel the April 28 meeting and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. One Billion Rising for Revolution: Saturday, February 13, 2016

Staff briefly reported regarding plans for the annual event to be held on Saturday, February 13th.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2016

The Board reviewed nominees for the West Hollywood Women's History Month banner. Connie Norman, Transgender Activist, was selected as the second honoree for the 2016 Women's History Month banner by a majority vote.

Staff presented updates pertaining to Women's History Month programming throughout the month of March and that they'd provide more information to the Board when the schedule was finalized.

B. Recommendation from the Women's Safety Joint Committee

Vice Chair Torres presented to the Board the recommendation from the Women's Safety Joint Committee.

Boardmember Eyres suggested that the joint committee also consider transportation safety relating to the City's PickUp and CityLineX shuttles.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

A. Justice for Victims Act- SB 813 Eliminates Statute of Limitations for Rape in California

Boardmember Casey made a motion to recommend to the City Council that they support the Justice for Victims Act – SB 813 and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Toole volunteered to report to City Council for the month of January.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

1. Young Women Subcommittee

No report.

2. Women In Film Speaker Series

No report.

3. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

No report.

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

Boardmember Sutton reported that she attended the event at NCJW/LA and that the event was a success.

Boardmember Eyres spoke about the success of the event and the success of the City's Roe v Wade Pink Out event at the City Council meeting on January 19, 2016.

Chair Salguero spoke about the event being a success and that there is a number of legislation that is currently out there or being introduced that will make it easier or harder for women to obtain safe and affordable reproductive healthcare. Chair Salguero also mentioned that parental notification will most likely be on the 2016 California ballot.

5. Elimination of the Statute of limitations on Rape

No report.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Robert Gamboa, Co-Chair, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, spoke about the 2016 Rainbow Key Award nominations and that the nomination period will close on February 1st, 2016 and encouraged the Board to nominate individuals. He invited the Board to attend an upcoming SafeWeHo event that focuses on reducing patrons being overserved in bars on February 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Monte Cox, spoke about an upcoming workshop he is doing on behavioral change and wellness and invited the Board to attend and to keep him in mind for any future health and wellness events in the future.

Ruth Cislowski, Human Services Commissioner, spoke about the upcoming RFP process and that the Human Services Commission will be reviewing agencies and social service providers and encouraged the Board to have organizations they are connected with reach out to the City's Social Services staff to learn more about how they can submit a proposal.

Valerie Dauphin, spoke about her event Feel Good Kick Ass Dance Shops and invited the Board to attend an upcoming event on January 30, 2016 and to keep her in mind for any future events.

James Wen, Chair, Transgender Advisory Board, spoke about the Transgender Empowerment Program and how the Human Rights Campaign is a partner. He invited the Board to attend the upcoming Trans Chorus of Los Angeles event on Thursday, February 4th, 2016 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the home of Jeff Olde and Alan Uphold.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

None.

XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, spoke about the City's upcoming Heart Health Awareness campaign and the upcoming activities taking place in February and throughout the rest of the year focused on heart health.

XIV. BOARD RETREAT FORMAT

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Board heard feedback from Advisory Board and Commission members regarding what they felt should be added to the updated report. Anny Semonco, Disability Advisory Board, Ruth Cislowski, Human Services Commission and Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commission each spoke.

B. Board Work plan Discussion

The Board held a strategic planning session to assess top priorities in their current work plan that will end June 2016. The Board focused on three items. Strategic planning session focused on the current work plan and broke into small groups to discuss actions to take to move forward regarding Legislative and Policy Recommendations, West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women and Joint Women's Safety Committee. Each group reported back on next steps and gave direction to staff regarding follow up.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:56 p.m. until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016 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 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.



SILVIA SALGUERO, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY