

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

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, March 24, 2016 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 7:16 pm.

A. Roll Call

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

Absent: Molly Casey, Tina Moore, and Anne Toole

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Vice Chair Torres made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 3, 2016 and Boardmember Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Staff presented an update to the Board regarding the West Hollywood Report on the Status of Women. The Board discussed priorities they would like to see addressed in the updated report and the timeframe for updating it in future years.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Support of the TransVoter Empowerment Event

Boardmember Eyres made a motion to support the TransVoter Empowerment event and Boardmember Sutton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. National Equal Pay Day Commemoration

The Board agreed by consensus to accept a proclamation in honor of National Equal Pay at the West Hollywood City Council Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2016 and have a table with informative materials for the public.

C. 21st Annual Healthy West Hollywood Kids' Fair

Boardmember Eyres made a motion to support the 21st Annual Healthy West Hollywood Kids' Fair and Boardmember Alexander second the motion. The

motion was approved unanimously. Chair Salguero and Boardmember Eyres will be staffing the Board booth and will follow up to coordinate an appropriate activity.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2016

The Board reviewed and discussed updates regarding programming for National Women's History Month events.

Past Events:

- International Women's Day –
 - Vice Chair Torres suggested that there be more diverse entertainment for the event next year.
- Women Beyond the Graphic Novel –
 - Boardmember D'Amico reported that the event had great programming but to work on more promotion in the future.
- Women Manifest: Out and About Opening Reception –
 - Vice Chair Torres attended the opening reception and commented that it was a successful event.
- WLC Mini-Film Festival Screening of *Wilhemina's War* and Platform –
 - Boardmember D'Amico commented that the audience and the event were very receptive to the film and the panel discussion after the event was very informative.
- Women Manifest: Hear Me Opening Reception –
 - Staff reported that the event was well attended.
- The Lesbian Speaker Series Film Screening of *The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen* –
 - Boardmember Sutton reported that the event was a success and very informative.
- Women in Leadership Awards and Reception –
 - Boardmember Sutton spoke favorable about the event and the honorees.
- Hollywood NOW Celebrates the Unsinkable Feminist Spirit of Ivy Bottini –
 - Boardmember Eyres commented that the event was a success and it was very well received by the community.

B. West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference 2016

Boardmember Eyres made a motion to cosponsor the 10th Annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference and Vice Chair Torres seconded the motion that was approved unanimously. The Board discussed how they will be participating and designate assignments.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Boardmember Sutton reported to the Board that she had been in touch with the California Women's Law Center regarding the Board's legislative priorities.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Chair Salguero presented to the Board that she attended the last Human Services Committee meeting and that the Board's recommendations for the Social Services RFP were well received.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Vice Chair Torres volunteered to report for the month of March.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

Boardmember D'Amico inquired about the age range the Board would like to reach out to in regards to "young women." The subcommittee agreed to meet and refine their focus/next steps.

2. Women In Film Speaker Series

No report.

3. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

Staff updated the Board regarding the timeline for the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee.

4. Elimination of the Statute of limitations on Rape

Boardmember Sutton reported that the on April 12th SB 813, a pending bill to eliminate the statute of limitations on rape in California, will be introduced into the Public Safety committee and that a group will be traveling to Sacramento, CA to lobby for it as well and that letter campaign has been initiated.

5. Economic Equality Subcommittee

Boardmember Alexander reported that she spoke with Operation Hope about their 8-week program that teaches business owners how to create a business plan and their credit rating improvement workshop and how these programs could be brought to West Hollywood in the future.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Anne Semonco, Boardmember, Disabilities Advisory Board, stated that she was very impressed with the Women's Leadership Conference's Mini-Film Festival screening of *Wilhemina's War* and that the films featured in Platform were very well produced. She also commented on the Exposed Art Exhibit in Plummer Park. She suggested that adding a panel about older individuals in the job market be a roundtable discussion

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Vice Chair Torres invited the Board to an upcoming Blood Drive on March 29th at the West Hollywood Sheriff Station.

Chair Salguero wished everyone a Happy Easter to anyone that celebrates.

XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Fooks gave an update regarding the Exposed and Women Manifest: Out and About Art Exhibits.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:33 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1st

Floor Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 28th DAY OF MARCH, 2016.



SILVIA SALGUERO, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY