

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

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, September 22, 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 Torres called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Kelly Alexander, Karen Eyres, Amanda Smash Hyde, Tina More, Nadia Sutton, Silvia Salguero, and Noemi Torres

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

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Vice Chair Eyres made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 2016 and Boardmember Sutton seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Michael Che, Economic Development and Cultural Affairs Coordinator, discussed upcoming arts programs occurring throughout the City of West Hollywood.

IV. WEST HOLLYWOOD REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Staff liaison Fooks discussed the Status of Women in the States report, with the Board and distributed the report to the Board for further review.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation from Bet Tzedek Legal Services

Tabled.

B. Co-sponsorship of WE RISE! WE WRITE! WE ARRIVE!

The Board will discuss co-sponsoring an upcoming City event in recognition and celebration of Black History Month, WE RISE! WE WRITE! WE ARRIVE!, a panel of outstanding women discuss their works of fiction and the stories that have inspired and influenced them. Boardmember Moore made a motion to co-sponsor the event and Boardmember Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Vice Chair Eyres abstaining.

C. National Women's History Month 2017

The Board briefly reviewed women's history month programming for National Women's History Month during March 2016.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Live, Love, Thrive Women's Empowerment Conference

Debra Swelley and Jenner Deal, representatives from the Live, Love, Thrive Women's Empowerment Conference shared information about the upcoming event co-sponsored by the Board and requested volunteer and promotion assistance.

B. Women's Equality Day Commemoration-August 26, 2016

The Board debriefed and gave comments and favorable feedback regarding the recent Women's Equality Day event on August, 26, 2016. Boardmembers were asked to complete evaluation forms online.

C. Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign- Only "Yes Means Yes"

The Board received a brief update regarding the City's new sexual assault awareness campaign "Only Yes Means Yes". A second distribution date of branded beverage coasters to local clubs, bars and restaurants will be part of the West Hollywood Sherriff Captain's monthly "walkabout" on September 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

D. Board Work Plan 2016-2018

The Board discussed their upcoming annual televised meeting on Tuesday, November 15. Chair Torres suggested showing a video short called We Are The Lions about domestic violence. The Board discussed topics they could help bring attention to during the meeting. It was suggested that be utilized to help spread awareness about the City's sexual assault awareness campaign: Only "Yes Means Yes", as well as women's health information such as heart health and breast cancer.

VII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None.

VIII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY DISCUSSION:

Vice Chair Eyres reported on the status of SB 813 and that it is still on Governor Jerry Brown's desk waiting for his signature.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Salguero volunteered to report to the City Council for the month of September.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Young Women Subcommittee

No report. Chair Torres commented that she would be attending an upcoming Getty House event called Women in STEM.

2. Women In Film Speaker Series

Vice Chair Torres stated that the next event will be on Monday, September 26, 2016.

3. Elimination of the Statute of limitations on Rape

No report.

4. Economic Equality Subcommittee

No report.

5. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

Chair Salguero encouraged everyone to come out to the next walk about.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Salguero spoke about the upcoming West Hollywood Library 5th Anniversary event on Saturday, October 1st, 2016 at 1:30 pm.

Boardmember Sutton mentioned that she will be waking in the upcoming AIDS Walk event on October 23, 2016.

Vice Chair Eyres spoke about the upcoming Transgender Day of Remembrance event and encouraged the Board to attend and to potentially volunteer.

XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Fooks congratulated Boardmember Hyde and Vice Chair Eyres on completing the Advocacy Training Project and thanked Silvia Salguero for her services as Chair of the Board.

Recording Secretary Erickson spoke about the upcoming Human Rights Speakers Series and Women in Film Los Angeles' pre-premiere screening event of the new film *The Uncondemned* on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:30 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 27, 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 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.



NOEMI TORRES, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY