

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, March 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 7:06 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Amanda Smash Hyde, Tina Moore, Nadia Sutton, Silvia Salguero, and Noemi Torres

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

**II. APROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Vice Chair Eyres made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 23, 2017 and Boardmember Hyde seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Ann P. Meredith spoke about her new documentary project about lesbian identity that she is working on.

Rosie DeCandia spoke about reading to children and its benefits and collaborating with the Board in the future.

Angela Flurry congratulated the Board on all of their amazing programming that they sponsor throughout the year and the work that the Board does to empower women and girls. She spoke about potentially partners with the organization Big Sisters in the future.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Co-Sponsorship of Its Never Too Late To Try Something New**

Boardmember Moore made a motion to co-sponsor the "Tis Never Too Late To Try Something New" panel discussion and Vice Chair Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference & Network**

Vice Chair Eyres made a motion to co-sponsor the conference and co-host the conference finale program and Boardmember Salguero seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board created a subcommittee consisting of Chair Torres, Vice Chair Eyres, and Boardmember Moore to further discuss ways the Board can be involved in the conference.

**C. Participation in upcoming Women/Human and Civil Rights/Social Justice Marches**

The Board discussed the various ways to support and participate in upcoming local marches. Boardmembers will report back at future meetings if they are able to attend any of the various marches coming up in the future.

**D. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Activist For Change Event**

The Board discussed their involvement at the City's upcoming sexual assault awareness event promoting the City's *Only Yes Means Yes* campaign on Sunday, April 9

**E. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule**

The Board agreed by consensus to have an earlier meeting time for their April 27 meeting and to hold their annual televised meeting date in October. Staff will come back with potential dates for the Board's fall meeting schedule.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. National Women's History Month 2017**

The Board reviewed the recent events they sponsored and co-sponsored for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month.

**B. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Winter Meeting**

Chair Torres, Vice Chair Eyres and Boardmember Salguero will be attending the upcoming Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Winter Meeting on April 1 and will report back at the next meeting.

**VI. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

**A. SB 309 - License Plates: Reproductive Freedom Fund**

Boardmember Salguero made a motion to recommend that the City Council support SB 309 – License Plates: Reproductive Freedom Fund and Vice Chair Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**B. AB 569 - Reproductive Health Nondiscrimination Act**

Boardmember Salguero made a motion to recommend that the City Council support AB 569 – Reproductive Health Nondiscrimination Act and Vice Chair Eyres seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**VII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

Vice Chair Eyres reported that the Transgender Advisory Board is experiencing some difficulty in regards to programming their annual Transgender Day of Remembrance event due to the construction at West Hollywood Park.

**VII. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

Boardmember Hyde volunteered to report for the month of March.

**VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

**1. Young Women Subcommittee**

Boardmember D'Amico passed out an information sheet about helping female students at Walt Whitman High School with their upcoming career day or service learning project.

**2. Women In Film Speaker Series**

No report.

**3. Elimination of the Statute of limitations on Rape**

No report.

**4. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee**

No report.

**5. WAB Club: Women And Books**

Vice Chair Eyres reported that the upcoming book that the club is reading is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.

**6. Annual West Hollywood Kids Fair**

Vice Chair Eyres and Boardmember Moore reported that they will be doing Mother's Day and Father's Day cards as part of their activity at the event.

**IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

None.

**X. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

None

**XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:59 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Room, West Hollywood City Hall, 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 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017

  
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KAREN EYRES, VICE CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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JOHN M. ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY