

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

**SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES**

THURSDAY, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**West Hollywood Community Center at Plummer Park
Rooms 5 & 6
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Eyres called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Mayor Meister administered the Oath of Office to new Boardmember Amanda Bleich

Roll Call:

Present: Amanda Bleich, Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Tina Moore, Nadia Sutton and Silvia Salguero

Absent: Amanda Smash Hyde and Noemi Torres

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

Introductions:

The Board went around and introduced themselves to Boardmember Bleich.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Boardmember Salguero made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 23, 2017 and Boardmember Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Todd Hunter, West Hollywood resident, spoke about his free upcoming self-defense workshop on Saturday, May 6 from 2 pm – 3 pm in West Hollywood Park Auditorium that is being co-sponsored by the City of West Hollywood and invited the Board to attend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

NONE.

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. Boardmembers were asked to complete the online feedback forms.

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

The Boardmembers that attended the the recent meeting of the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) on April 1, 2007 in Santa Barbara, CA reported about the meeting and takeaways that the Board could utilize in the future.

C. Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month Activist For Change Event

The Board shared feedback regarding their participation in the City's sexual assault awareness and prevention month event promoting the City's *Only Yes Means Yes* campaign on Sunday, April 9.

D. 11th Annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference & Network The subcommittee reported on the various ways the Board could be involved in the 11th Annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference on May 13. The Board agreed by consensus to be involved in the following ways:

- Vice Chair Eyres and Boardmember Sutton volunteered to serve on the "How to Get Appointed to a Board or Commission" panel
- Host a selfie photo booth at the conference.

The Subcommittee was asked to provide the language for the selfie booth signs.

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

The Board shared feedback regarding participating in local marches. Vice Chair Eyres reported that she and Chair Torres attended the Feminist Majority Foundation's Walk for Equality on March 26, 2017.

VI. LEGISLATION & ADVOACCY:

Staff provided updates on various legislation that the Board is currently following. The Board recommended learning more about SB 562, The Healthy California Act and SB 169, regarding sex education.

VII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

None

VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

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

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **Young Women Subcommittee**
No report.
2. **Women In Film Speaker Series**
Staff reported that Chair Torres gave introductory remarks.
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 she attended the premier of the new Hulu series of *The Handmaid's Tale* that was the book club's previous monthly book selection.

6. Annual West Hollywood Kids Fair

Vice Chair Eyres described the card making activity for kids the WAB table will be hosting at the Kids' Fair.

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

Vice Chair Eyres reported that she will be attending the event.

X. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Vice Chair Eyres announced that Elizabeth Savage, Director, Rent Stabilization and Housing, invited the Board to a celebration of the City of West Hollywood being an age friendly community on Monday, May 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Community Meeting Room in the West Hollywood Library.

XII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Recording Secretary Erickson read a thank you note that 2017 Women in Leadership Award Honoree Pamela Magette sent to the Board.

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XIII. BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION SESSION

The Board segued to a retreat format.

A. Retreat Discussion focus:

1. Board procedures, processes and best practices

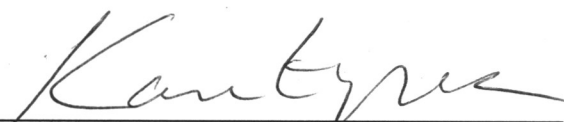
Staff facilitated a discussion with the Board regarding best practices for completing and implementing their top priorities on their work plan and a review their current process to make sure they were effective and timely.

2. Board work plan review & implementation – TABLED.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:01 pm until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at the 1st 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 25th DAY OF MAY, 2017.


KAREN EYRES, VICE CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


JOHN ERICKSON, RECORDING SECRETARY