

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

**THURSDAY, November 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM**  
West Hollywood City Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd  
West Hollywood, CA 90069.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Eyres called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Amanda Bleich, Carla Romo, Karen Eyres, Melaney Lubey, Tina Moore, Nadia Sutton and Silvia Salguero

Absent: Amanda Smash Hyde

Staff: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting which was seconded by Boardmember Salguero and approved unanimously.

**III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

City Clerk Yvonne Quarker shared information regarding ongoing efforts and plans to review the purview and work plans all the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions.

Lisa Kiluan, actor, requested support for a screening of a new feature film about women in technology called "Freelancers".

Roz Helfand made an announcement about Artemis Award for science fiction writing.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Co-sponsorship of NCJW/LA's Annual Roe V Wade Event**

Roz Helfand, National Council of Jewish Women/LA Boardmember and project lead shared information regarding community efforts lead by NCJW/LA and a coalition of organizations and to commemorate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Boardmember Sutton made a motion in co-sponsor the annual Roe V Wade event which was seconded by Boardmember Lubey and passed unanimously. Boardmembers Lubey, Moore and Chair Eyres will attend the upcoming planning meeting.

**B. Co-sponsorship of "Being Jazz" Community Reading**

Boardmember Moore made a motion to co-sponsoring an upcoming reading of "Being Jazz, My Life as a (Transgender) Teen" by Jazz Jennings, sponsored by the West Hollywood Library, to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> which was seconded by Boardmember Sutton and passed unanimously.

**C. Co-sponsorship of a Channel Kindness Pop-up Event**

Boardmember Salguero made a motion in support of the Board co-sponsoring the Born This Way Foundation's Channel Kindness event which was seconded by Boardmember Romo and passed unanimously. It is tentatively scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>, pending City Council approval.

**D.** Boardmember Moore spoke about the Born This Way Foundation's Channel Kindness activities that are curated for each community along Lady Gaga's current tour in conjunction with the UN Special Envoy's Office and seek to further work around peace, mindfulness and global health and engage youth. The City Council will consider co-sponsoring an event in December.

**E. Board Annual Retreat Meeting**

Staff gave a brief update regarding plans for the Board's annual retreat meeting next month.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. WAB Televised Meeting on October 24, 2017**

The Board shared feedback regarding their recent annual televised meeting including how to have a larger audience in attendance.

**B. 25th Anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board**

Board discussed planning for the 25th anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board.

**C. National Women's History Month Celebration 2018**

The Subcommittee reported on programming ideas for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March and reviewed a draft calendar.

**D. The *We Said Enough* Campaign**

Tabled.

**VI. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

**A. BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act (S. 2076/H.R. 4256)**

Information was shared regarding this pending legislation. Further discussion tabled for retreat meeting.

**B. Equal Means Equal Initiative to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment**

Tabled.

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

None.

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

Boardmember Moore was designated to do the report.

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

**A. Feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities**

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series – No report.**
2. **Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee – Boardmember Moore reported that the Subcommittee met and h**
3. **WAB Club: Women And Books – No report.**
4. **Live Love Thrive Women’s Empowerment Conference – Chair Eyres reported. The event was uplifting and successful.**
5. **Advocacy Training Project – No Report. Upcoming Dates announced.**
6. **“Tea with Alice and Me” Premiere Performance –Boardmember Bleich volunteered to be the liaison.**
7. **The Vagina Monologues – Chair Eyres announced the event will be held on February 17 & 18 readers are now being cast. Silent auction items are requested.**

**X. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**XI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Melaney Lubey announced that she will be starting maternal mental health training.

Boardmember Romo annoucded that she was launching a new business and becoming active with Peace Over VIlence or Voices over Violence.

Boardmember Bleich asked if an item could be added to the agenda about a possible event with the Non-Human Rights Project.

Chair Eyres announced that she had attending the WeHo Smart City event and suggested that staff do outreach directly to Boards and Commissions.

**XII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None.

**XIII ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women’s Advisory Board adjourned 8:52 pm to their next scheduled special meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 29th DAY OF MARCH, 2018.



LARISSA FOOKS, COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR



KAREN EYRES, CHAIR