

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

*Location: West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069
1st Floor Community Conference Room*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Karen Eyres at 7:05 pm.

A. Administer the Oath of Office to New Boardmember

Councilmember John D'Amico administered the oath of office to newly appointed Boardmember Jenner Deal.

B. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Jenner Deal
Board Member Melaney Lubey
Board Member Tina Moore
Board Member Carla Romo
Board Member Silvia Salguero
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Chair Karen Eyres

Absent: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Vice Chair Amanda Smash Hyde

Also Present: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison
Moya Márquez, Recording Secretary

C. Introductions

The Boardmembers introduced themselves to the new Boardmember, Jenner Deal.

II. Approval of the December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the December 14, 2017 minutes was motioned by Boardmember Moore, seconded by Boardmember Romo, and approved unanimously.

III. Items from the Public

None.

IV. New Business

A. Services for Cisgender Women at the Los Angeles LGBT Center

The Women's Advisory Board received a presentation Amy Kane, from the LA LGBT Center, who spoke about the Center's Audre Lorde Health Program, which specializes in providing healthcare for women. The Board provided input on strategies for outreach and engagement to West Hollywood cisgender women.

ACTION: Received and provided input.

V. Unfinished Business

A. 25th Anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board

The Subcommittee shared an outline for the 25th anniversary event planned for March as part of Women's History Month. The goal is to have a 75 minute program which includes opening with a digital slideshow or short video about the history of the WAB, introductory remarks from Councilmember Lindsey Horvath, a panel discussion with Board founder and former Councilmember Abbe Land along with founding and current members of the WAB, followed by a reception at a local venue nearby. The Board also discussed potential panel questions that would highlight the importance of the board, celebrate progress made over the last 25 years, and encourage participants to share what they think the Advisory Board should be doing today.

ACTION: The Board agreed by consensus on the date of for the 25th anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board for March 20th.

B. National Women's History Month Celebration 2018

The Board held a discussion to finalize plans for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March. Staff presented a draft list of activities for National Women's History Month. The Board voted on two Women's History Month banner honorees. Staff reported that the nominees for the Women In Leadership Awards have been contacted and confirmations are still pending. The Board then discussed which organization would receive a donation of all proceeds from the Women in Leadership Awards.

ACTIONS:

1. Approval of Maxine Waters and the Women's March as the banner selections for the National Women's History Month Celebration in 2018. **Motioned by Boardmember Moore, Seconded by Boardmember Romo, and approved unanimously.**
2. Designation of either the LA LGBT Center's Audre Lorde Health Program or Coalition Against Slavery and Trafficking as the recipients of proceeds from the Women in Leadership Awards, pending further consultation from City Staff. **Motioned by Boardmember Lubey, Seconded by Boardmember Deal, and approved unanimously.**

VI. Legislation & Advocacy

The Board heard legislative updates and shared information regarding advocacy opportunities.

Boardmember Deal reported on two new bills that were signed into law: California Assembly Bill 10, which requires middle and high school schools who have at least 40%

of their students at or under the poverty line to provide free tampons to their students in restrooms and the California Gender Recognition Act that recognizes a third, non-binary gender category on birth certificates and state IDs.

ACTION: Received and filed.

VII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

None.

VIII. Monthly Reports to City Council

The Board designated Boardmember Melaney Lubey to report to the City Council.

IX. Subcommittee Liaison Reports

The Board heard feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and/or co-sponsored activities.

1. Women and Film Speaker Series
 - a. Staff reported that the last WIF Speaker Series was well attended and that the Vagina Monologues were promoted at the event. Staff requested that at least one Boardmember attend the next 3 meetings to speak to the audience about upcoming programming
2. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee
 - a. At the Joint Subcommittee's last meeting, the Subcommittee came up with three recommendations: continue to expand promotion/distribution of the City's current sexual assault awareness campaign, allow for public safety reporting in the City app, and create a fun event to promote awareness on Women's safety issues.
3. WAB Club: Women and Books
 - a. The next meeting's book will be "No One Is Coming to Save Us" by Stephanie Powell Watts.
4. NCJW/LA 's Advocacy Training Project
 - a. Boardmember Lubey is planning to attend the January Advocacy Training Project Workshop on legislative advocacy and Vice Chair Smash Hyde will be speaker at the February workshop about becoming an appointed official.
5. I Remember Nicole Video Project
 - a. No updates.
6. "Tea with Alice and Me" Premiere Performance
 - a. Board Chair Eyres reported that the performance was well-attended and should be considered a success.
7. The Vagina Monologues/V-Day Commemoration
 - a. The Board reported that the first rehearsal for the Vagina Monologues will take place on Sunday, January 28th.
8. Roe V. Wade @45 Event
 - a. Boardmember Sutton reported that the event was a success. She personally considered the speakers to be exceptionally inspiring.
9. Channel Kindness Pop-Up Event
 - a. Boardmember Moore reported that this event will be scheduled sometime in April.

ACTION: Received and filed.

X. Items from the Public:

Annie Semonco, introduced herself to the Board as the Vice-Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, and the designated liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board to the Women's Advisory Board.

XI. Items from the Board:

Board Member Moore reported the launch of her online business platform.

Board Member Romo reported the launch of her new life coaching consulting services.

Board Member Sutton announced that West Hollywood has opened its new dog park at West Hollywood Park.

XII. Items from the Staff.

Staff announced to the Board that a presentation about V-Day will be held at the City Council meeting on February 20th.

XIII. Board Retreat Discussion Session

The Board segued to a retreat format.

Staff summarized the points made under the last retreat format pertaining to priority issues for legislative advocacy.

Boardmember Lubey reported on opportunities to reach out to groups that talk about accessibility and healthcare – including groups like BreastfeedLA, in order to better align themselves with their workplan.

Staff reported that representatives from Assemblymember Richard Bloom's and Congressman Adam Schiff's offices will visit the Board to discuss their legislative priorities that involve women. Staff also reported that in the near future, the Board will have the opportunity to connect with key partners from various organizations engaged in legislative or advocacy work related to issues identified in the first Board Retreat

XIV. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:05 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled February 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.


KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST:


LARISSA FOOKS, STAFF LIAISON