

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

*Location: Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6
7377 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90046*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting meeting was called to order by Board Chair Karen Eyres at 6:12pm.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Member Melaney Lubey
Board Member Tina Moore
Board Member Carla Romo
Board Member Silvia Salguero
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Vice Chair Amanda Hyde
Board Chair Karen Eyres

Also Present: Community Events Coordinator Larissa Fooks
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Moya Márquez

II. Approval of the November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Tabled.

III. Public Comment

Noemi Torres, Board of Directors of Ascencia, invited the Women's Advisory Board to participate at Ascencia's Gala and Skid Row Carnival of Love scheduled for January 27th.

IV. New Business

No items.

V. Unfinished Business

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

B. The Board discussed plans for the 25th Anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board. The subcommittee reported ideas for the celebration event that will be held during Women's History Month which include creating a slideshow to highlight past members of WAB and past events that WAB has held, curating a playlist of female vocalist and female musicians to play music, and creating a short three minute video that captures the Boards 25th anniversary throughout the year.

C. National Women's History Month Celebration 2018

The Board held a discussion about plans for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

The Board discussed several nominations on for the women's history month street pole banners and decided, by consensus, to narrow their selections down to Heather Booth, Louise Hay, The Women's March, Maxine Waters, Angela Davis, Kathleen Hanna and Kate Millett. The Board decided to select the two honorees from this list in January 2018.

Staff reported the City Hall lobby display for the National Women's History Month Celebration may be impacted with the planned remodeling of the City Hall Lobby. Staff will keep the Board informed of any future updates.

The Board then discussed whether to co-sponsor the Russian Advisory Board's Celebration of International Women's Day again this year or to pursue other opportunities. A motion was made to not co-sponsor the Russian Advisory Board's Celebration of International Women's Day this year by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Sutton, and approved unanimously.

VI. Legislation & Advocacy

No items.

VII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

The Board heard brief reports from board members who serve as liaisons to other City Boards, Commissions, or other recognized bodies. Vice Chair Smash-Hyde reported that she attended the last City Council and Planning Commission Meetings. Vice Chair Smash-Hyde reported that the Planning Commission reviewed changing zoning requirements in two sections of the City to allow for the construction of mixed use buildings in the future.

VIII. Monthly Reports to City Council

The Board designated Board Member Melany 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. No report
2. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee
 - a. Board Member Bleich reported on ideas that were discussed at the subcommittee meeting.
3. WAB Club: Women and Books
 - a. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 2nd. The book to be discussed is "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman
4. Advocacy Training Project

- a. The next Advocacy Training Project is in January. Board Member Smash-Hyde may be speaking on how to join a board or commission. Boardmember Lubey will be attending the legislative advocacy workshop.
- 5. I Remember Nicole Video Project
 - a. No report.
- 6. "Tea with Alice and Me" Premiere Performance
 - a. Board Member Bleich will be staffing and information table..
- 7. The Vagina Monologues
 - a. Board Chair Eyres reported that the casting will be finalized in January and rehearsals will begin in late January.
- 8. Roe V. Wade @45 Event
 - a. Board Member Lubey reported that the confirmed date for the event is Sunday, January 14, from 5-7:30PM. The event will incorporate interactive activities that take people through the barriers women face when seeking abortion services.
- 9. I Am Jazz Community Reading
 - a. No report. Board Chair Eyres was unable to attend.
- 10. Channel Kindness Pop-Up Event
 - a. This event has been postponed until next year.

X. Items from the Public:
None.

XI. Items from the Board:

Board Member Bleich reported that in January 2018, there will be a human trafficking awareness related march.

Board Member Moore wished the Board a happy holiday season and a happy new year.

XII. Items from the Staff.

Staff reminded the Board that their next meeting on January 25th will be held at the normal location, the 1st Floor Community Conference Room at City Hall.

The Board to a short dinner break, before reconvening to a board retreat discussion session"

XIII. Board Retreat Discussion Session

The Board segued to a retreat format and discussed honing their procedures, processes, and best practices, as well as conducted a review their work plan and implementation procedures. Discussion focused on prioritizing advocacy and legislative issues.

XIV. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to its next regular meeting scheduled January 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor 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 25th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.


KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST:


LARISSA FOOKS, STAFF LIAISON