

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017
7:00 PM**

West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor Community Meeting Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chair Eyres called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Amanda Bleich, Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Melaney Lubey, Tina Moore, Nadia Sutton, Amanda Smash Hyde and Silvia Salguero

ABSENT: Carla Romo,

STAF: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 22, 2017 meeting were tabled.

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Teri Maher of WEHO Works shared information regarding upcoming programming.

Renee Sotile and Mary Jo Godges, West Hollywood residents, spoke about a video project called "I Remember Nicole".

- IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Board Co-Sponsorship Policy

Staff gave a brief overview about the Board's current policy regarding co-sponsorship.

B. Co sponsorship of NCJW/LA's Advocacy Training Project

Boardmember Moore made a motion to again co-sponsor the National Council of Jewish Women's Advocacy Training Project (ATP), a series of advocacy workshops held annually, which was seconded by Boardmember Sutton and passed unanimously.

C. Review of LA County Status of Women Reports

The Board briefly reviewed two recent reports outlining data regarding the status of women in Los Angeles County: the *Report on the Status of Women in Los Angeles County and Health Indicators for Women in Los Angeles County: Highlighting Disparities by Ethnicity and Poverty Level, 2017*.

D. National Night Out

The Board discussed their participation in the City's annual National Night Out event to celebrate in the streets in a show of unity against crime on August 1, 2017.

E. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Karen Eyres was elected Chair and Amanda Smash-Hyde was elected Vice Chair.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Women's Equality Day 2017

Board shared brief updates regarding plans to commemorate the anniversary of women's right to vote in the United States on August 18th, which will feature a screening of the documentary film Equal Means Equal and a panel discussion.

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

Vice Chair Smash Hyde reported on behalf of the subcommittee regarding ideas for commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Board. It was suggested that the WAB host a celebration during National Women's History Month that honors the history and legacy of the Board.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles

Presentation from Maya Paley, Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement, National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles regarding their advocacy efforts on legislation as well as activities related to human trafficking and domestic violence.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. Brief updates from staff. No action taken.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

Vice Chair Eyres gave a report from attending the Southern California Commissions for Women meeting on July 10, 2017

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Salguero volunteered to report to the West Hollywood City Council for the month of July.

X. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. Women in Film Speaker Series

No report.

2. Elimination on the Statute of Limitations on Rape

Chairperson Eyres announced that the national campaign targeting other states will begin in November in Pennsylvania.

3. Report from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

Staff gave a brief update about the status of the subcommittee. Boardmember.

4. WAB Club: Women and Books

Chair Eyres announced that the club is currently voting on the selections for the next year. She reminded that the Boardmembers about attending at least one book club meeting.

5. Live Love Thrive Women's Conference

Boardmembers Bleich and Moore expressed interest in serving as liaisons to follow up on behalf of the Board on ways to support.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

XII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Boardmember Smash Hyde announced her election to the Board of the Stonewall Democratic Club and that she spoke on a panel at the recent Next Gen event. She also spoke about attending YIMBY Town, a pro-development conference focused on spatial justice.

Boardmember Bleich commented about attending the California NOW Conference and her participation in a human trafficking training.

Boardmember Sutton commented about discrimination towards transgender people and announced her re-appointment to the Board of the Stonewall Democratic Club.

Boardmember Lubey announced that she would likely miss the August meeting.

Vice Chair Eyres read a portion of the City's press release about the service of transgender people in the military and suggested that Board attend Transgender Advisory Board meetings. She requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of many notable women who recently passed including Betty Duke, Foray.

XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

No Action

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

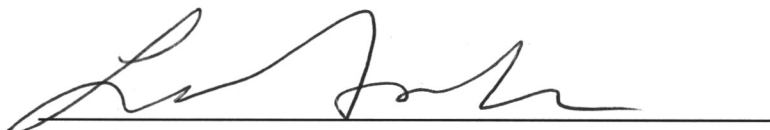
The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:00 pm to a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2017 beginning at 7:00 pm at the 1st Floor Community Room, West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.



KAREN EYRES, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY