

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

**TUESDAY, October 24, 2017
7:00 PM
West Hollywood City Council Chambers**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A. Chair Eyres called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

B. Roll Call

Present: Debra D'Amico, Amanda Bleich, Karen Eyres, Melaney Lubey, Tina Moore, Carla Romo, Amanda Smash-Hyde, Nadia Sutton and Silvia Salguero.

STAFF: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Meeting of September 28, 2017.

Chair Eyres noted a correction to the vote under *Item IV. C. Co-sponsorship of the Hollywood NOW production of the "Vagina Monologues"* to reflect that the motion to approved passed 5 in favor not 6 in favor. Vice Chair made a motion in favor of passing the Minutes as corrected, which was seconded by Boardmember D'Amico and passed unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Rashad Beal, Schools Over Violence Program Manager at Peace Over presented information about their programs and services. Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Department, provided information regarding the City's domestic violence related services and resources. Boardmember Sutton reported on available services for people with pets through the SPCALA's Animal Safety Net program.

B. Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention

Advocate and author Dawn Schiller shared her story as a survivor of human trafficking and discussed ways to take action.

C. Women, Caregiving & Alzheimer's

Aging advocate Barbara Meltzer shared information regarding the impact of family caregiving and dementia on woman.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. National Women's History Month Celebration 2018

Preliminary discussion by the Board of programming ideas for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March. It was suggested that a new event honoring the history of the Board and all women who have served on the of the Board be held as a closing event for Women's History Month. Chair Eyres, Vice Chair Smash Hyde, Boardmember Lubey and Boardmember Bleich volunteered to serve on the WAB 25th Anniversary Event Subcommittee. Chair Eyes, Boardmember Salguero and Boadmember Romo were designated to serve on the Women In Leadership Awards Selection Committee.

B. The *We Said Enough* Campaign

The Board discussed a new campaign/call to action called "We Said Enough" launched by a group of women leaders in politics in the state of California with the goal of addressing systemic harassment in the workplace, and pledging not to tolerate perpetrators or their enablers.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

The Board reviewed the subcommittee recommendation for the 25th anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board. Boardmember Moore made a motion to approve the subcommittee recommendation which was seconded by Boardmember Bleich and passed unanimously. The suggested theme for the both the 25th anniversary event and year of celebration would be "from riot girrrls to nasty women" which would highlight the history of the Board as it dovetails with the women's rights movement over the past 25 years. The Board discussed more ideas for collateral materials, branding and how to integrate imagery to commemorate their 25th anniversary.

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

Staff shared a brief update regarding the Equal Means Equal initiative to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The campaign is currently focused on fundraising.

C. Upcoming Women's Advisory Board Meetings

The dates for the Board's upcoming meetings were confirmed: November 16, 2017, December 14, 2017 and January 25, 2018.

VII. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. Legislative Updates:

Staff gave a brief report regarding the 2017 state legislative cycle reflecting actions taken by the City on issues affecting women.

B. Information regarding advocacy opportunities:

Chair Eyres encouraged boardmembers to participate the City's upcoming National Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th. Boardmember Bleich reported that she recently attended a workshop training about racial justice.

VIII. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

No reports. Chair Eyres announced the Disabilities Advisory Board's annual awards program to be held tomorrow night.

IX. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Salguero was designated for the month of October.

X. 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** – Next meeting November 8th
3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – No Report
4. **Live Love Thrive Women's Empowerment Conference-**
Boardmembers confirmed their volunteer participation.
5. **Advocacy Training Project** – Brief review of upcoming workshops and who could attend.
6. **"Tea with Alice and Me" Premiere Performance** – No report
7. **The Vagina Monologues** – Chair Eyres reported. Anyone who wants to be in the program of volunteer should contact her.

Recommendation: Receive and File. Take action as needed.

XI. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public are invited to address the Board on any subject for 3 minutes.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember D'Amico announced her resignation from the WAB and her recent appointment to the governing board of the school where she teaches.

Boardmember Sutton announced the upcoming Cityx1 Thanksgiving feast for LGBTQ homeless youth that she co-produces which will be held on November 19th.

Boardmember Bleich announced that the City's co-sponsorship of the Hollywood Now production of the Vagina Monologues was approved.

Chair Eyres announced her participation in two upcoming conferences focused on support for LGBTQ youth.

XIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff reminded the Board about the upcoming Annual Congress of Commissions and Boards scheduled for October 30th.

XIV ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20 pm to their next scheduled special meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room located at 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 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.



KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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