

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, September 28, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**West Hollywood City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Meeting Room**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Eyres called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm

**A. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Amanda Bleich, Debra D'Amico, Karen Eyres, Nadia Sutton, Silvia Salguero, Amanda Smash-Hyde, Melaney Lubey and Carla Romo

**ABSENT:** Tina Moore

**STAFF:** Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Chair Smash-Hyde made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 27, 2017 which was seconded by Boardmember Bleich and approved unanimously.

Chair Eyres noted a typo under Item IV A regarding the correct spelling of Martha Wheelock's name. Vice Chair Smash-Hyde made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 24, 2017 which was seconded by Boardmember Sutton and passed unanimously.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anne Semonco, resident and Disabilities Advisory Boardmember, made announcements regarding Disabilities Awareness Months events.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. I Remember Nicole: Domestic Violence Awareness Anthem/Music Video**  
Filmmaker Renee Sotile and Mary Jo Godges updated the Board about their project in development to create a domestic violence awareness public service announcement. They requested assistance with outreach once the PSA is completed. Boardmember D'Amico made a motion in support of the

Boar co-sponsoring the project which was seconded by Mel Lubey and passed unanimously.

**B. Live Love Thrive Women's Conference**

Catherine Gray, Founder/Organizer of the Live Love Thrive Women's Conference shared updates and highlights about the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Conference scheduled for November 3-4. Boardmembers confirmed their volunteer assistance.

**C. Co-Sponsorship of the Hollywood NOW production of the "Vagina Monologues"**

Hollywood NOW President John Erickson, requested that Board again co-sponsor a local production of the *Vagina Monologues*. It will be presented by Hollywood NOW to commemorate V-Day in February 17-18, 2018 and raise funds for local women's organizations. Boardmember Bleich made a motion in support which was seconded by Boardmember Sutton. The motion passed 6 in favor and 2 abstentions ( Chair Eyres and Boardmember Smash-Hyde).

**D. Televised Women's Advisory Board Meeting on October 24, 2017**

The Board agreed by consensus about discussion topics for the upcoming televised meeting and gave direction to staff to coordinate speakers on the topics of domestic violence and human trafficking.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

The Board reviewed suggestions on how to commemorate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary which would begin in December 2017. They discussed more ideas including having a theme for the anniversary year, which will be determined at their meeting next month.

**B. Equal Means Equal Campaign**

Brief discussion on ways to be involved in the recently launched campaign to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

**C. Human Trafficking Outreach Project**

Boardmember Bleich reported on recent outreach and advocacy activities that she participated in regarding the local implementation of SB 1193.

**VI. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

- A.** Brief updates regarding pending legislation in the California State Legislation related to human trafficking. Staff shared information regarding federal legislation support of the Equal Rights Amendment and recent actions by the current administration affecting the implementation of Title IX.

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

- A.** Boardmember Romo gave a brief report regarding the Association of California Commissions for Women meeting she attended on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in San Francisco.

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

- A.** Boardmember Sutton volunteered to report to the West Hollywood City Council for the month of September.

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

- 1. Women in Film Speaker Series – No Action**
- 2. Report from the Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee**  
Staff reported that subcommittee members from the Public Safety Commission will be designated at their October 9<sup>th</sup> commission meeting.
- 3. WAB Club – Women and Book –** The book for October is *Shining Sea* and the author will be attending the club meeting.
- 4. Live Love Thrive Women’s Empowerment Conference – No report.**
- 5. Tea with Alice and Me Play Performance – No report**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**XI. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chair Eyres requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of several people who had recently passed including Kate Millett. She also shared information regarding homelessness resources and the Women’s Alzheimer’s Movement.

**XII. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff reminded the Board about the City’s upcoming Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards on October 30.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

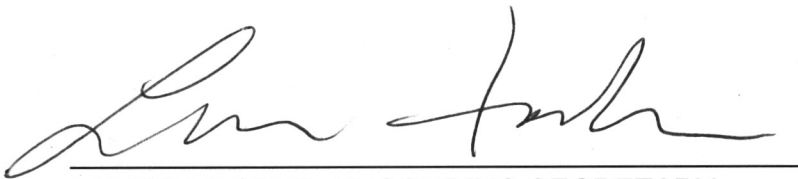
The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:59pm to a special televised meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 beginning at 7:00 pm at the City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ON THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2017.

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KAREN EYRES, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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LARISSA FOOKS, RECORDING SECRETARY