

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

*Location: West Hollywood Library - Community Meeting Room
625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Eyres at 07:10 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
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
Board Vice Chair Amanda Smash-Hyde

Also Present: Event & Film Services Manager, Cleo Smith
Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the March 22, 2018 minutes was motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Smash-Hyde, and approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment

JOHN ERICKSON, West Hollywood, president of Hollywood NOW, encouraged the Board to support California Assembly Bill 1138 and Senate Bill 1149.

IV. Special Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Melisa Acoba from the California Work and Family Coalition and Jadah Chatterjee from BreastfeedLA regarding the necessity of expanding paid family leave and providing workplace and public space accommodation for lactating mothers.

ACTION: Receive and file. By consensus, the Board agreed to add a discussion about supporting BreastfeedLA and the California Work and Family Coalition's campaign and legislative priorities to a future agenda.

V. New Business

A. Nevertheless Documentary

Board member Romo shared information about new documentary film in production about ending sexual harassment in the workplace directed by Sarah Moshman that is currently seeking participants.

Board member Romo asked the Board for suggestions of possible participants who may be interested in being interviewed for the documentary. The Board recommended that she speak with members of the Transgender Advisory Board and the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

ACTION: Receive and file. Offered suggestions.

VI. Unfinished Business

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

The Board held a discussion regarding plans for the 25th Anniversary of the City of West Hollywood's Women's Advisory Board and other celebration activities.

The Subcommittee reported that the event will take place on Tuesday, May 15th and include Lauren Meister, Lindsay Horvath, Abbe Land, Nicole Perlman and Fran Solomon. The Board requested that staff follow up on the request for an offsite reception with some light refreshments near the Council Chambers and promotional items

ACTION: Receive and file.

B. Live Love Thrive Women's Conference/She Angels

The Board further discussed other opportunities to support She Angels (formerly She Tank), which launched last year as part of the Live Love Thrive Women's Conference, which was created to fund women entrepreneurs.

Board Member Deal offered to act as a liaison between the Board and She Angels.

ACTION: The Board agreed by consensus to appoint Board Member Deal as the liaison to the Live Love Thrive Women's Conference.

C. 12th Annual City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference

The Board received a Subcommittee report regarding the Board's participation in the City's annual Women's Leadership Conference on May 6, 2018, and also held a brief discussion about the Board's participation on May 5th at the United State of Women Summit.

Board Members Sutton and Bleich reported that they will speak on the panel about being appointed to a Board or Commission.

Board Members Smash-Hyde and Eyres reported that they will act as MC's during the entire event.

ACTION: Receive and file.

VII. Legislation & Advocacy

A. State Legislation Regarding Sexual Harassment

The Board discussed and reviewed active State legislation regarding sexual harassment.

ACTION: Board Member Eyres volunteered to track bill AB 1870. Board Member Sutton volunteered to track SB 1038. Board Member Deal volunteered to track SB 224. Board Member Smash-Hyde volunteered to track SB 1300.

B. State Legislation Regarding Women's Health

The Board discussed and reviewed active State legislation regarding women's health.

ACTION: Board member Lubey volunteered to track SB 320.

C. State Legislation Regarding Violence Against Women/Women's Safety

The Board discussed and reviewed active State legislation regarding violence against women.

ACTION: Board Member Eyres volunteered to track bill AB 334. Board Member Bleich volunteered to track AB 900. Board Member Moore volunteered to track AB 1138 and SB 1149.

D. Legislative Updates

The Board discussed and reviewed legislative updates and information regarding advocacy opportunities. The Board was interested in tracking the two bills mentioned during the opening public comment remarks.

ACTION: Board Member Moore volunteered to track AB 1138 and SB 1149.

VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

The Board received brief reports from Board Members who serve as liaisons to other City Boards, Commissions, or other recognized bodies.

Board Member Sutton reported that she and Board Member Eyres attended LGAB to promote cross-board collaboration on issues and legislation that affect both groups.

Board Member Eyres reported that she also visited the Transgender, Senior, and Disability Advisory Boards.

Board Member Smash-Hyde reported that she attended the Planning Commission.

ACTION: Receive and file.

IX. Monthly Reports to City Council

The Board designated Board Member Sutton to report to the City Council.

X. Subcommittee Liaison Reports

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

Women and Film Speaker Series

- The Board reported that the last event was featured a screening of the Handmaid's Tale.

Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee

- The Joint Subcommittee held an outreach event for "Yes Means Yes" on Sunset Boulevard in which pamphlets and coasters were distributed amongst businesses and the public.

WAB Club: Women and Books

- The Women and Books club meets the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting's book will be Pachinko by Min Jin Lee.

I Remember Nicole Video Project

- There are tentative plans in development for some type of activity in remembrance of the 25th anniversary of Nicole Brown's murder and the filmmakers are still raising funds to finish the video.

Channel Kindness Pop-Up Event

- No updates.

West Hollywood Kids Fair

- The Board reported that the event was successful. Children enjoyed all the activities that the Board made available to them, and the Board had the opportunity to engage in outreach with parents.

XI. Items from the Public

None.

XII. Items from the Board

Board Member Deal wished the Board a happy Lesbian Visibility Day. She also asked staff to ask for a presentation from the Communication Department to explain

to the Board how they can increase their visibility in a manner that promotes the City and is in alignment with the City's communications policies.

Board Member Sutton reported that the annual Pawsapalooza event will be taking place at the West Hollywood Dog Park on May 12th.

Board Member Eyres responded to comments made at the April 16th City Council meeting and misunderstanding regarding the Board's role in International Women's Day activities in the City and clarified that the WAB does discuss nor make any decisions regarding funding for programming.

Board Member Smash-Hyde reported that she is continuing her work with activists who are trying to increase the number of Rape Kits available at UCLA. She also reported that the West Hollywood Renters Association had their first meeting.

XIII. Items from the Staff

Staff reported to the Board that they will extend an invitation to the Communications Department to come speak to the Board about the City's communication policies.

XIV. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:14 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled May 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2018.


KAREN EYRES, CHAIR

ATTEST:


LARISSA FOOKS,
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR