

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

THURSDAY, July 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Community Conference Room
West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Oath of Office for new members
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introductions

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Meeting of June 25, 2009

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board for two (2) minutes on any issue of interest.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Domestic Violence Prevention Month (10-15 min)

Brief discussion of Board participation in domestic violence prevention efforts during the month October.

1. "Flowers Aren't Enough": presentation by actress and mediator Naomi Ackerman about bringing her play on ending domestic violence to the community.

Recommendation: Review and discuss. Designate a subcommittee if appropriate

B. Co-Sponsorship of Love Your Body Day (5-10 min)

Presentation regarding the National Organization for Women's 12th Annual Love Your Body Day, an event created by the Hollywood NOW Chapter to promote healthy body image for women, which will be held at West Hollywood from 12pm – 4 pm on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Board discussion of participation in the event.

Recommendation: Review and discuss. Consider Co-Sponsorship.

C. Co-Sponsorship of the West Hollywood Women's Mastermind Group Launch (5 min)

Discussion of co-sponsoring the first meeting of a new mastermind group for women interested in developing their business or career advancement through a collective brainstorming group process.

Recommendation: Review and discuss. Consider Co-Sponsorship.

V. A. Legislative & Policy Issues Subcommittee Report (5 – 10 min)

The Board will review information regarding various federal and state bills that address the Women's Advisory Board's stated legislative priorities of women's health, violence against women and pay equity.

Women's Health

- H.R. 1211 (Sandlin), Women Veteran's Healthcare Improvement Act, a bill to expand and improve VA health care services for women veterans.
- H.R. 2583 (Boswell), Women Veterans Access to Care, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve health care for women veterans, and for other purposes
- S.634 /H.R.1585, Fitness Integrated with Teaching Kids Act (FIT Kids Act)
A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to enhance children's health

Violence Against Women

- AB 688 (Eng) Requires law enforcement to hold an alleged domestic violence perpetrator until they can be brought before a judge.
- SB 197 (Pavley) Establishes a procedure for domestic violence victims to take part in conditional examinations (videotaped testimony) if the life of the victim is in jeopardy.
- AB 789 (De Leon) Authorizes a court to issue a search warrant to law enforcement in domestic violence cases to seize firearms when an offender has a domestic violence protective order against them.

- AB 532 (Lieu) Authorizes a search warrant when property to be seized includes a firearm or deadly weapon possessed by someone detained on a mental emergency or at the scene of a domestic violence incident.
- AB 383 (Lieu) would extend the limitation on the time period for analyzing biological evidence (DNA kits) from 2 years to 5 years.

Equity/Equal Rights

- High School Information Collection Act (S. 471) and the High School Athletics Accountability Act (H.R. 2882) These bills would make participation rates and expenditures for high school athletes available to the public, helping communities better enforce Title IX.

Recommendation: Receive and File. Consider taking action in support.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

Brief reports from Board subcommittees.

A. West Hollywood Book Fair

(5- 10 min)

Subcommittee report regarding ways the Board might participate in the annual West Hollywood Book Fair on Sunday, October 4th at West Hollywood Park.

Recommendation: Review and discuss. Take Action as appropriate.

B. Women’s Equality Day: Educational Forum on Lily Ledbetter

(5 min)

Update regarding plans to host a community educational forum on the impact and implications of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act on Wednesday, August 26th at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

(5 min)

Brief reports from boardmembers who serve as liaisons to other city Boards and Commissions.

IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(5 min)

The Board will conduct their annual elections for chair and vice chair.

Recommendation: Elect Officers.

X. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

(5-10 min)

Brief remarks from Advisory Board members

XI. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

(2 min)

Staff will update the Women's Advisory Board on issues within the Board's purview.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourn to their next regularly scheduled meeting at 7pm on **August 27, 2009** the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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