

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Location: Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Smash-Hyde at 07:09PM.

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich  
Board Member Jenner Deal  
Board Member Karen Eyres  
Board Member Tina Moore  
Board Member Carla Romo  
Board Member Silvia Salguero (*arrived at 7:13PM*)  
Board Member Nadia Sutton  
Vice Chair Melaney Lubey  
Chair Amanda Smash Hyde

Also Present: Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck  
Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks  
Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez

**B. Approval of the Minutes**

Approval of the June 28, 2018 minutes was **motioned by Board Member Lubey, seconded by Board Member Eyres**, and approved unanimously.

**C. Public Comment**

JOHN ERICKSON, West Hollywood, Director of Public Affairs of Planned Parenthood, informed the Board that earlier in the week, the Senate tried to defund Planned Parenthood and was only three votes from succeeding. Mr. Erickson left sign up cards for the Board and audience to sign up for phone banking opportunities with Planned Parenthood. He also congratulated Chair Smash Hyde and Vice Chair Lubey on their new leadership positions.

**II. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. New Changes to Meeting Recordings**

The Board received a brief update from staff regarding new protocols and processes for meeting recordings, including a podcasting system that will make public meeting recordings more accessible to the public. All public meetings will be recorded and available for download on the City's website and through iTunes.

(Board Member Salguero joined the meeting at 7:13PM.)

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### A. Legislative Briefing

Hernan Molina, the City of West Hollywood's Governmental Affairs Liaison, provided updates about the status of pending state legislation affecting women and recent actions by the City. Of the eleven bills that were recommended for support to the City Council by WAB, seven will be voted on the Monday, August 27. He also discussed the City's advocacy goals and monitoring process regarding legislation. Mr. Molina informed the Board that some of the WAB recommended bills do not fall within the City's stated legislative priorities and encouraged the Board to review the City's legislative priorities which are updated every two years to synchronize with California's two year legislative cycle.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

#### B. Women's Equality Day 2018

The Women's Equality Day Subcommittee reported on plans for the City's celebration of Women's Equality Day on Sunday, August 26th, commemorating the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, which granted women the right to vote in the United States.

Chair Smash-Hyde reminded the Board that the event is on Sunday and that the Board would discuss individual roles and responsibilities.

The Board went through a run of show and assigned Board Member Deal and Board Member Salguero to run the table with an interactive activity. Board Members Romo and Sutton were assigned to run the outreach table. Board Members Bleich and Moore were assigned to help with crowd control.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

#### C. I Remember Nicole PSA Project

Video producers Renee Sotile and Mary Jo Godges provided an update about / *Remember Nicole*, a domestic violence awareness public service announcement (PSA) in memory of Nicole Brown Simpson, co-sponsored by the City and requested support for an activity on October 1<sup>st</sup> for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

#### D. Association of California Commissions for Women Annual Meeting

The Board reported on their participation in the Association of California Commissions for Women annual meeting held on August 4<sup>th</sup> which was attended by Board Members Eyres, Lubey, and Moore. Based on the focus of that meeting and leadership moving forward, Board Member Eyres suggested that WAB revisit their participation in this Association and suggested working more closely with the LA County Women and Girls Initiative. Board Member Eyres volunteered to continue to

be the liaison to ACCW.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**E. Board Work Plan Review and Update**

The Board received a brief update from staff regarding the 2016-2018 work plan completion evaluation. The Board will review and work on updating a workplan for 2018-2020 at their meeting next month.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**IV. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

The Board will review and discuss updates regarding state and federal legislation.

**A. Pending State Legislation With Previous Recommendations from WAB**

The Board received updates regarding the status of pending state legislation that the Board has previously made recommendations about sexual harassment, women's health and public safety under Item III. A.

**ACTION:** Received and Filed.

**B. Pending State Legislation Tracked by WAB**

1. SB 826

**ACTION:** There were no updates.

**C. Federal Legislation & Policy**

There were no updates about Bills Regarding Immigration Policy nor policies related to reunification of immigrant minors separated from their parents at the U.S. border under the zero tolerance immigration policy. Staff remarked that they will send updates to the Board via email when they hear information on the status of the legislation above.

(Chair Smash-Hyde left the room temporarily and Vice Chair Lubey took over in her absence.)

**ACTION:** No updates.

**D. Additional Legislative and Advocacy Updates:**

The Board received updates about additional legislation and advocacy issues of interest to the Board.

1. WAB Prioritized Issues

- Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment - Updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERAnow Campaigns
- Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention
- Breastfeeding/Lactation – Workplace Accommodation

Board Member Moore reported that the Equal Means Equal Campaign is focused on getting one getting one more state to ratify the ERA.

(Board Chair Smash-Hyde returned to her seat.)

Board Member Eyres reported on recent activities of the #ERAnow around ERA education through social media and suggested that WAB should consider recommending Council support of the ERA bill. Board Chair Smash-Hyde agreed and asked staff to put a formal recommendation to the City Council of the Equal Means Equal campaign on the September WAB Agenda.

Board Vice Chair Lubey reported that she met with the BreastfeedLA and suggested a formal recommendation to the City Council to support breastfeeding accommodations at City Hall.

2. Title X Status Update
3. Title IX Status Update
4. City Council Legislative Actions

**ACTION:** There were no updates on items IV.D.2, IV.D.3, or IV.D.4.

**E. Information Regarding Advocacy Opportunities**

Board Member Eyres reported that the NCJW will soon resume their advocacy training workshop and suggested that the Board support. Staff reported that this topic will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

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

Chair Smash-Hyde reported that she attended meetings of Rent Stabilization, Planning, and the City Council. (Board Member Romo stepped out of the room.)

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

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

Board Member Romo was designated to report back to the City Council in August. (Board Member Romo returned to the meeting)

**VII. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

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

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – The next event on Monday, August 27 will be an event on pitching a script.
2. **Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee** – The Board reported that they had enriching discussions about consent on the Sunset Strip at their last public outreach activity. The next meeting is set for Sept 12.

3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – the last book was “Red Clocks” by Leni Zumas. Staff attended the event and reported that the activity continues to engage people by presenting ways to connect literature with present-day issues.
4. **I Remember Nicole PSA Project** – Staff reported that the PSA will be shown on Sunday’s Women’s Equality Day Celebration.
5. **She Angels** – Board Member Deal will meet with the She Angels group next week and report back at the September meeting.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**IX. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Board Member Deal reported that her birthday recently took place and that she is starting her own company.

Board Member Romo reported that she was in Sacramento last week and was interviewing State Senator Jackson and State Senator Leyva and both of them offered their thanks to the Women’s Advisory Board and the City for support on the Rape Kit Testing bill.

Board Member Eyres attended a West Hollywood Renters Alliance meeting and encouraged renters to attend.

Board Member Moore reported that she will be attending the Born This Way Foundation’s *21 Days to be Kind* panel discussion on Tuesday, August 28 at the City Council Chambers.

**X. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

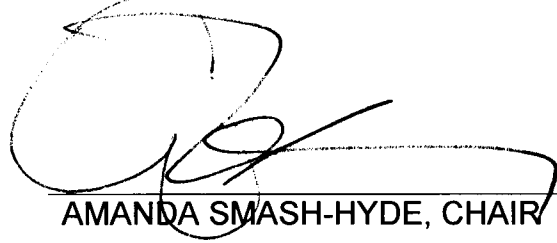
Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, informed the Board about the first in an ongoing three parts series of mindfulness classes to be taught at Plummer Park. Classes are only \$3 and begin on Sept 5.

Larissa Fooks, Community Events Coordinator, announced three events that the Board should attend. These events are: the Annual Commission and Board Training on September 26; the legally required training for Board Members on ethics on November 10; and the Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards on November 28.

Larissa Fooks spoke about the United State of Women’s new ambassador program which recently selected an LA Ambassador, Lindsay Alvarez, who will be attending the Women’s Equality Day event.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:09 p.m. to their next meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at West Hollywood City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.  
APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.



AMANDA SMASH-HYDE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS, STAFF LIAISON