

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Smash-Hyde at 7:13 PM

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Board Member Jenner Deal  
Board Member Karen Eyres  
Board Member Tina Moore  
Board Member Silvia Salguero  
Board Member Nadia Sutton  
Board Vice Chair Melaney Lubey  
Board Chair Amanda Smash Hyde

Absent: Board Member Amanda Bleich  
Board Member Carla Romo

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

**II. Approval of the November 13, 2018 Meeting Agenda**

The Board asked staff to table item 6A, move item 6B to New Business, and move item 7A to before New Business. Approval of the November 13, 2018 Meeting Agenda as amended was **motioned by Board Member Deal, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved unanimously.**

**III. Approval of the October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes was **motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved.**

**IV. Public Comment**

NOEMI TORRES, West Hollywood, invited the public and Board to attend Ascencia's Sisters of Strength Fundraiser.

**V. New Business**

**A. NCJW/LA Annual Roe v. Wade Commemoration**

The Board discussed their participation and support of the annual Roe v. Wade event sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles in conjunction with a coalition of organizations, which commemorates the anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States.

The event will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at NCJW/LA. Board Member Eyres and Board Member Bleich have been attending the NCJW/LA planning meetings. Board Member Lubey volunteer to assist at the event as well.

**ACTION:** Co-Sponsorship of NCJW/LA's annual Roe V. Wade Commemoration in 2019, **motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Deal, and approved unanimously.**

**B. Local Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**

Staff gave a brief presentation about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (**CEDAW**), an international bill of rights for women adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, and the efforts of local cities to implement it locally in their jurisdictions. Brief update regarding the status of the City's efforts to implement CEDAW.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**C. The Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood**

The Board reviewed and discussed the *Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood*.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**D. Aging in Place Initiative**

Strategic Initiatives Manager Corri Planck provided an update regarding the status of the City's Aging in Place Initiative. She summarized the methodology utilized over the past two years, highlighted new City program activities that have been created and shared some findings from the surveys. The City is part of a AARP-led California statewide group to discuss keeping seniors in place and recently City adopted policies to make the City an Alzheimer and dementia friendly city.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**E. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy**

The Board received a brief presentation about domestic violence and victimization within the Family Court System. Advocates Roman James and Latia Suttle and spoke on their personal experiences with the family court system and reported on statistics about domestic violence in both California and the nation and how the court system has been used as a means to perpetuate domestic violence against women and children. It was recommended that the Board watch a documentary "What Doesn't Kill Me" to learn more about domestic violence and advocacy around the issue.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

**A. She Angels Update**

TABLED.

**B. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy**

This item was moved to IV E.

**C. National Women's History Month Celebration 2019**

TABLED.

A motion was made to table item 6C and all items under VII. **Motioned by Board Member Lubey, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved unanimously.**

**D. 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Advisory Board**

The Board agreed by consensus to wrap up their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities.

**VII. Legislation & Advocacy**

**A. State Legislation & Policy**

1. Review of the City's Legislative Priorities.

TABLED.

**B. Federal Legislation & Policy**

TABLED.

**C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:**

TABLED.

**D. Information Regarding Advocacy Opportunities**

TABLED.

**VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports**

There were no reports.

**IX. Monthly Reports to City Council**

Board Member Deal was designated to report to the City Council.

**X. Subcommittee Liaison Reports**

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

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – Vice Lubey reported that she attended the WIF speaker series about advocacy.

2. **Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee** –Board Members Moore, Nadia, Sutton, and Bleich reported that they distributed Yes Means Yes information at

the Halloween Carnival.. The next meeting of the joint subcommittee is Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – Board Member Eyres reported that she will be at the next meeting. The book for December is “The Leavers” by Lisa Ko.
4. **The Vagina Monologues** – Board Member Eyres reported that the Vagina Monologues will be held on the 16th and 17th in February.
5. **Advocacy Training Project** – Vice Chair Lubey reported that she attended the first two of the Advocacy Training Meetings at NCJW/LA and that they are wonderful opportunities for people to learn about how to be advocates in their community.

#### **XI. Public Comment**

John Erickson, WEST HOLLYWOOD, thanked the Board for the work that they do.

#### **XII. Items from the Board:**

Board Member Eyres announced that she is excited about the new women who have been elected into offices across the country in the midterms. She also announced that Ivy Bottini will be releasing a memoir called “The Liberation of Ivy Bottini: A Memoir of Love and Activism”

Board Member Moore wished the board a happy thanksgiving

Board Member Lubey expressed her sentiment that it is an honor to serve on the Board.

Board Member Deal reported that she is the creative director of Equality Now’s first social media campaign.

Board Member Sutton reported that she is excited about the number of women that won electoral roles in the midterms.

Board Member Smash-Hyde reminded the Board to take care of themselves physically during difficult times.

#### **XIII. Items from the Staff.**

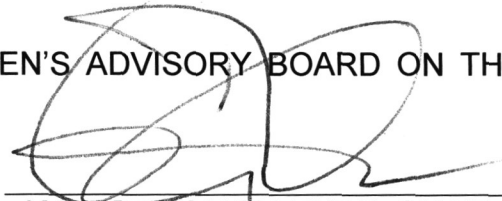
Larissa Fooks reminded the Board that they have been sent information about ethics training. By law, the Board is required to participate in this training every two years. She encouraged the Board to check in with staff if they are not sure if it is their turn to participate.

Larissa Fooks also reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6 in Plummer Park, in rooms 5 and 6.

**XIV. Adjournment**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:11 to a special televised meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6PM in Rooms 5 & 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center, located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018.



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AMANDA SMASH-HYDE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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LARISSA FOOKS,  
STAFF LIAISON