

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

*Location: Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Board Member Eyres at 7:08 PM

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich  
Board Member Karen Eyres  
Board Member Tina Moore  
Board Member Carla Romo  
Board Member Silvia Salguero  
Board Member Nadia Sutton

Absent: Vice Chair Melaney Lubey  
Chair Amanda Smash Hyde  
Board Member Jenner Deal

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

**II. Approval of the October 25, 2018 Meeting Agenda**

Approval of the October 25, 2018 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Salguero, seconded by Board Member Sutton, and approved unanimously.

**III. Approval of the September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the September 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Bleich, seconded by Board Member Romo, and approved noting Board Member Moore's abstention due to absence at the September 2018 meeting.

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**V. New Business**

**A. 2019 West Hollywood Community Study Focus Group**

The Board provided input for the 2019 City of West Hollywood Community Study through participation in a focus group facilitated by the City's consultant, Raimi + Associates.

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

The Board began planning for the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March and reviewed their annual programming.

**National Women's History Month Banners:**

Dr. Christine Ford and Anita Hill were placed on the list of potential names of banner honorees.

**Women In Leadership Awards Selection Committee:**

Chair Smash-Hyde, Vice Chair Lubey and Board Member Moore were designated to serve on the selection committee that includes representatives of the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and City Staff.

**Women's History Month Kick-Off:**

A subcommittee with Board Members Romo and Bleich was designated to meet and report back with potential ideas for Board consideration.

**Living the Legacy Lobby Display:**

Discussion of an art-focused display.. Staff reminded the Board that any art display would have to go through a multi-phase approval process through the Arts Division and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. Boardmember Romo volunteered to follow up with the appropriate parties for more information and report back.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Women's Advisory Board Annual Televised Meeting**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting agenda for their upcoming annual televised meeting on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm – 9 pm at the City Council Chambers. Board Member Eyres noted that the agenda is a normal business-driven agenda that will show the public how the Board normally operates.

## **VII. Legislation & Advocacy**

The Board reviewed and discussed updates regarding state and federal legislation.

### **A. State Legislation & Policy**

The Board received a brief wrap up report regarding the status of State bills tracked and recommended by the Board during the 2018 legislative cycle. Staff reported that of the eleven bills tracked by WAB and recommend to the City Council for support, four were approved, four were vetoed, and three were not moved forward.

### **B. Federal Legislation & Policy**

Staff provided a brief overview of the House of Representatives Congressional Resolution 72 regarding child safety during custody and visitation adjudications and the status of the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA. The Board decided by consensus to wait until after the midterm elections to consider making new recommendations to City Council.

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

The Board received updates about additional legislation and advocacy issues that have been prioritized by the Board.

Board Member Sutton reported that the #ERAnow Campaign is waiting until after the midterms to resume advocacy work in Virginia and Arizona.

Board Member Bleich reported that the National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles is continuing with Human Trafficking education events in the Valley.

Staff reported that they are working on moving the Breastfeed Accommodation audit recommendation to the City Council.

**D. Information Regarding Advocacy Opportunities**

Staff shared information regarding text-messaged based Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaigns that the Board can participate to engage in voter outreach.

**VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports**

There were no reports.

**IX. Monthly Reports to City Council**

Board Vice Chair Lubey was designated to report to the City Council in November 2018. Board Member Deal was designated to report to the City Council in December 2018.

**X. Subcommittee Liaison Reports**

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

- **Women In Film Speaker Series** – Board Member Bleich reported that the last WIF event was focused on activism and opened with a showing of the “I Remember Nicole” PSA, which was well received.
- **Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee** – The Joint Subcommittee will be handing out flyers for the Yes Means Yes Campaign during the Halloween Carnival.
- **WAB Club: Women And Books** – The next WAB Club will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>
- **I Remember Nicole PSA Project** – The PSA was played at the October 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting and the last Women in Film Speakers Series on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **She Angels** – The producer will be attending an upcoming Board soon to share updates and new dates for the event.

- **Lifting Women Up in Today's Economy: A Forum on Economic Justice** – Board Members Deal and Sutton attended and learned about legislation efforts to curtail predatory lending practices.
- ***The Vagina Monologues*** – Casting will be underway throughout November. Interested actors should reach out to Hollywood NOW.
- **Advocacy Training Project** – Board Vice Chair Lubey attended the last event and reported that it was very informative.

**XI. Public Comment**

None.

**XII. Items from the Board:**

Board Member Sutton reported that the White House's Department of Health and Human Services has decided to redefine gender in such a way that infringes on the rights of transgender people. The Transgender Law Center and other organizations have already written public statements of opposition. Board Member Sutton said she would talk to the Transgender Advisory Board about how they best help.

Board Member Eyres reminded everyone to vote.

**XIII. Items from the Staff.**

Larissa Fooks said that the City Council will be taking action related to the Department of Health and Human Services' redefinition of gender at their next meeting on November 5th.


**XIV. Adjournment**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:18 pm to a special televised meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7 pm in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers, located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 13th  
DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

  
KAREN EYRES, ACTING CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
LARISSA FOOKS,  
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR