

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
Location: Plummer Park Community Center
7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Smash-Hyde at 6:10 PM

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
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Vice Chair Melaney Lubey
Board Chair Amanda Smash Hyde

Also Present: Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck
Staff Liaison. Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez
Professional Support Service Specialist, Jenny Ivanova

2. Approval of the December 6, 2018 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the December 6, 2018 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Romo, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the October 25, 2018 & November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the November 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved with abstentions from Board Members Bleich and Romo.

Approval of the October 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Romo, and approved with an abstention from Board Member Lubey.

4. Public Comment

NOEMI TORRES, West Hollywood, spoke about the short film called *Tijuana* by a local woman filmmaker who is seeking a screening opportunities. She encouraged the Board to watch the film online.

5. New Business

A. West Hollywood Planned Parenthood Action League

Kat Keene, shared information about advocacy and leadership opportunities with the West Hollywood Planned Parenthood Action League, and PPAL's in general, which are hyper-local volunteer groups that focus on outreach, advocacy and grassroots efforts to protect their local Planned Parenthood Los Angeles health centers. Information regarding leadership opportunities and volunteer opportunities was shared.

ACTION: Received and filed.

6. Unfinished Business

A. She Angels Update

Catherine Gray, founder of 360Karma and producer of She Angels, a pitchfest funding competition for women entrepreneurs and web series co-sponsored by the Board, shared updates. The original plans have changed and there are now two events, the first on March 31, 2019 premiere the She Angels web series and a second event in in October 2019 to film the next pitchfest. The Board will discuss their participation at the upcoming event in March at a future meeting.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. National Women's History Month Celebration 2019

The Board discussed planning for the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

1. Women's History Month Banners:
Anita Hill and Dr Blasey Ford were nominated to be recognized on commemorative banners.
2. Arts-related Programming:
Board Member Romo reported back after speaking with the City's Arts Division Manager regarding the feasibility of creating an arts related activity and recommended utilizing the digital billboards on Sunset Blvd. It was suggested that messaging focus on the City's past Women's History Month and advocacy efforts. Boardmember Moore spoke about the possibility of the sculpture *Fearless Girl* might be available as an installation.
3. International Women's Day
The Board discussed their participation in the annual International Women's Day sponsored by the Russian Advisory Board on March 3rd. The Board discuss the feasibility of coordinating an advocacy-oriented event or activity about the history of International Women's Day. Board Member Eyres also suggested supporting UN's theme for International Women's Day which is #BalanceforBetter which is about balancing the amount of house and care work between women and men. It was suggested that sharing campaign information digitally might be feasible.

4. The 4th Annual Hollywood NOW Herstory Awards
Boardmember Eyres reported that Hollywood chapter of the National Organization for Women once again seeks the support of the Board to host their annual awards ceremony which will honor Chela Demuir-Cartier, President of the Unique Women's Coalition.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Approve the Women's History Month Commemorative Banners honoring Dr Blasey Ford and Anita Hill, motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Romo and passed unanimously.
- 2) Approve a Co-Sponsorship of the Russian Advisory Board's International Women's Day, motioned by Board Member Deal, Seconded by Board Member Lubey and passed unanimously.
- 3) Approve a Co-Sponsorship of the Hollywood NOW Women's Herstory Awards in March 2019, motioned by Board Member Bleich, seconded by Board Member Lubey, and passed with an abstention from Karen Eyres.
- 4) Approve a motion to request the purchase of the United Nations International Women's Day partner kit at the amount of \$200 and approve incorporating the theme of #BalanceforBetter in the Board's activities, motioned by Board Member Deal, Seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved unanimously.

C. Women's Advisory Board Annual Televised Meeting

The Board gave feedback regarding their annual televised meeting held on November 13. 2018.

7. Legislation & Advocacy

Hernan Molina, the City's Governmental Affairs Liaison gave some updates regarding the status of legislation that was previously recommended by the Board that was vetoed. He shared information regarding the City's updated legislative priorities for 2019-20 that were recently approved by the City Council. He also spoke regarding the California Legislative timeline and the bill submittal and review process. He mentioned that the City typically tracks over 900 bills per legislative session that the City was going to continue to work to support the repeal of Costa Hawkins.

ACTION: None.

A. State Legislation & Policy

ACTION: None.

B. Federal Legislation & Policy

ACTION: None.

C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

Member Sutton reported that the ERAnow Campaign is focusing its efforts on getting Virginia to ratify the ERA.

ACTION: None.

8. Board and Commission Liaison Reports

There were no reports.

ACTION: None.

9. Monthly Reports to City Council

Board Member Deal was designated to report to the City Council in December 2018.

10. Subcommittee Liaison Reports

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – no updates.

2. **Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee** – Meeting notes were shared.

3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – no update.

4. **The Vagina Monologues** – The Vagina Monologues is hoping to finish casting by the end of December. Any interested artists should reach out if they are interested in auditioning.

5. **Advocacy Training Project** – this month's talk is on Social Media Activism.

6. **Roe at 46: A Night of Resistance + Stories of Resilience #Roat46** – Board Member Eyres reported that the planning for the event is underway.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Items from the Board:

Board Member Romo wished the Board Happy Holidays.

Board Member Moore wished the Board Happy Holidays.

Board Member Smash-Hyde reported that Congressional candidate Katie Hill will be at the Abbey for an event in December.

13. Items from the Staff.

Corri Planck reported that the City will be participating in the County-wide homeless census over a period of three days in LA County late January.

Larissa Fooks reported that there is currently open public comment for the Title IX changes proposed by the federal government.

BREAK.

The Board took a short break.

14. BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION SESSION:

The Board segued to a retreat format. The Board discussed their work plan goals with a focus on how they wish to allocate their time and resources for the 2018-2020 work plan period. The discussion focused on issues to re-prioritize such as women's health. Further discussion and review to be continued at a future meeting.

ACTION: None.

15. Adjournment

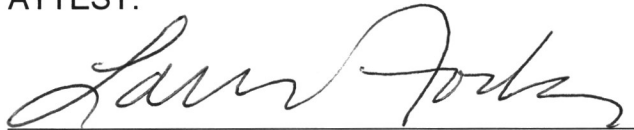
The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:06 pm to their next special meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 7 pm in the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.



AMANDA SMASH HYDE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS,
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR