

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
City Hall 1st Floor Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Smash-Hyde at 7:04 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, Jenny Ivanova

2. Approval of the February 28, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the January 31, 2019 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Deal, and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the January 31, 2019 and February 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the January 31, 2019 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Deal, and approved unanimously.

Approval of the February 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Deal, and approved unanimously with Board Member Moore abstaining.

4. Public Comment:
None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Denim Day

Staff spoke about City's annual commemoration of Denim Day on April 24th, an annual awareness day about sexual violence, and invited the Board to participate in joining the City's group photo for Denim Day.

B. City of West Hollywood Mental Health Services

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator and Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator spoke regarding the City's Mental Health Services. Staff went into detail covering agencies and what services they offer.

C. City of West Hollywood Homelessness Initiative

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, and Elizabeth Anderson, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator, presented City's Homelessness Initiative plan and services the city offers. Staff invited the board to join City's Team to support HomeWalk on May 18th.

D. City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference

Staff spoke about plans for the annual City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference on May 11th. The Board discussed ways they would participate in the Conference. A motion to approve the Board's support and participation of the Women's Leadership Conference vote was motioned by Vice Chair Lubey, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved unanimously. A subcommittee was designated with Chair Smash Hyde, Vice Chair Lubey and Board Member Eyres.

E. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee Report

The Board received two recommendation from Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee regarding the creation of a bystander safety program and safety escorts. Staff was directed to provide more information about bar safety programs.

1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. National Women's History Month Celebration 2019

Staff reported about Women's History Banner program. Further discussion of Women's History Month programing was tabled by consensus to the Boards April meeting. Staff will send an online evaluation form to the Board for feedback.

B. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy – Family Court System

Vice Chair Lubey and Board Members Eyres gave brief update on planning an event in October and will be requesting further information on staff regarding on resources.

C. 24th Annual West Hollywood Kid's Fair

Subcommittee reported regarding City's 24th Annual Kids Fair to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10 am – 2 pm at Plummer Park. Board member Lubey, Salguro and Eyres will be at this event and reported on the booth activity.

D. Women’s Advisory Board Input on Social Services Priorities

Chair Smash Hyde reported about the Human Services Commission meeting on March 12, 2019 regarding social services priorities.

E. Women’s Advisory Board Retreat Meeting Follow up

Tabled

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. State Legislation & Policy

Hernan Molina informed the Board about bills that the City is currently supporting and provided a list.

B. Federal Legislation & Policy

Tabled

C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment –
 - Board Member Sutton shared an article regarding ratification efforts in Arizona. Board Member Eyres spoke about the reintroduction of the ERA in the United States Senate.
2. Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention
A member of the public, Wes Seegmiller, Sex Workers Outreach Project LA spoke about attending the Women In Leadership Awards and the remarks by Maya Paley about human trafficking and supporting sex workers. He invited the Board to attend an upcoming event honoring the founder of #MeToo International. He also spoke about SB 233, which would provide immunity to people engaged in sex work and thanked Councilmember John J. Duran for his leadership on the issue.
3. Women’s Health - Free Tampon Program
Staff suggested that the Board discuss ideas on what a local program would entail. Board Member Deal requested that staff provide information about similar programs such as condom distribution.
4. Additional Items
None.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Women & Girls Initiative 100 year Anniversary Celebration of 19th Amendment Committee.

2. Association of California Women's Commissions
Staff reported that ACCW is hosting a conference in April.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Board designated Board Member Sutton to report back to the City Council for March 2019.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

The Board updated the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities

1. Women In Film Speaker Series

No report

- 2. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee** – an ad hoc subcommittee comprised of representatives of the Women's Advisory Board and the Public Safety Commission. Board Member Moore announced the next outreach activity for only yes means yes campaign to be held on April 19th 7pm-9pm Sunset Strip for Sexual Assault and Prevention month.

3. WAB Club: Women And Books

No report

4. Advocacy Training Project

No report

- 5. She Angels:** Board Member Deal announced that Sundays Premier event was Sold-out, and she would be attending with Board Member Eyres.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Erickson spoke about Women's In Leadership Awards and congratulated the Board on their hard work. He thanked the Board of their support on Vagina Monologues.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Deal

Announced that she resigned from her current job, and started a business.

Board Member Moore

Congratulated Board Member Deal

Board Member Eyres

Made announcements about the City of LA's International Women and Mount St Mary's annual report was released of the California Status of Women Report. Recommended for Board members to read it.

Board Member Smash Hyde

Announced that this coming Monday will be her anniversary of 18years as an esthetician

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

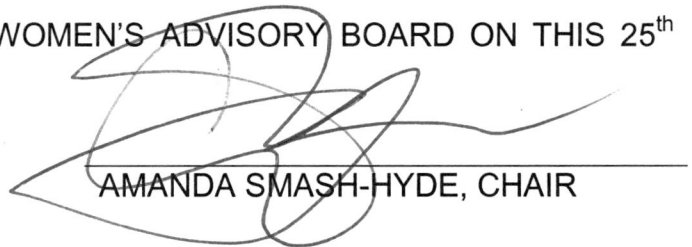
Corri Planck announced that we are hosting a class lead by the beWell programing class Power of Acceptable in April.

Larissa Folks spoke about Roe at 46 Community Art Project and distributed a facts sheet about The Empower Act.

14. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:57pm to their next meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 7pm 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 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.



AMANDA SMASH-HYDE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



LARISSA FOOKS,
COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR