

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**  
*City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Chair Amanda Smash Hyde

Absent: Board Vice Chair Melaney Lubey

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

**2. Approval of the April 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda**

Approval of the April 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Eyres, and approved unanimously.

**3. Approval of the April 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the March 28, 2019 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Eyres, and seconded by Board Member Deal. The Minutes were approved with 7 yes votes and 1 abstention (Board Member Bleich) due to absence.

**4. Public Comment:**

Jenny Gillett shared about an event that will be taking place on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm at Sal's Restaurant in West Hollywood. She invited the Board to attend a reading of Tokophobia, an interview-based play exploring the birth process and disparities in maternal care in the U.S. 100% of all proceeds benefit the charity partner, ImprovingBirth.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. City of West Hollywood Transit Services Presentation**

The Board heard a presentation from Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, regarding the City's Transit Services in the City of West Hollywood.

**B. Women's Equality Day Celebration**

The Board formed a subcommittee to discuss planning ideas for the City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day, consisting of Board Member Moore, Board Member Eyres and Chair Smash Hyde.

**1. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

The Board conducted a debriefing regarding recent Women's History Month events, which included comments, concerns and suggestions for next year. Boardmembers were reminded to complete the online evaluation survey.

**B. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy – Family Court System**

Board Member Romo and Board Member Eyres gave a brief update on the issues of domestic violence and victimization within the Family Court System and advocacy opportunities.

**C. City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference**

Board Member Eyres reported on behalf of the Subcommittee regarding the Board's participation in the annual City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference, which include helping staff the "How to get on Board & Commission Panel and curating a new panel called "Balancing Activism and Civil Engagement with Careers." Board Members discussed their attendance and participation.

**D. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee Report**

Board Member Bleich reported that there's no update at this time, pending future subcommittee's meeting.

**E. Women's Advisory Board Retreat Meeting Follow up**

Staff spoke on Board's work plan and priorities and which directions the Board wants to move forward to, find ways to track progress.

**7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

**A. State Legislation & Policy**

1. Review of new California legislation.

**B. Federal Legislation & Policy**

The Board discussed federal legislation and received updates about the status of federal legislation of interest and policy that the Board is tracking.

**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 and discuss potential actions and recommendations.

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment – Updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERAnow Campaigns were shared.
2. Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention Board Member Bleich reported back that she has met with activist Dawn Schiller and that they are working on a program that will take place in August, featuring a movie screening of a film “Nona”.
3. Women’s Health – Breastfeeding Friendly City and Free Tampon Program Staff reported that the City does not have lactation locations for employees nor in public areas and discussed possible next steps on ways to become a “Breastfeeding Friendly City”
4. Additional Items- None

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

None

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

The Board designated Board Member Romo to report back to the City Council for April 2019.

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

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – No report.
2. **Women’s Safety Joint Subcommittee** – No report
3. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – No report
4. **She Angels:** Boardmember Deal reported that the She Angels web series was well received and the event was very successful.
5. **24<sup>th</sup> Annual West Hollywood Kid’s Fair** – the Subcommittee reported on their engagement with families at the annual event.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Board Member Bleich

Reported that tonight was her 2 year anniversary working with WAB, thank you all.

Board Member Deal

May 10<sup>th</sup> will be working Sexy Beast Gala on behalf of Planned Parenthood fundraising. Discussed being a member of the Wing, spoke highly of the organization. Board member Deal mentioned that City of West Hollywood does not have any opportunities for Black or Mexican population.

Board Member Romo

Announced that she will be moving to Rochester New York in June/July, this work gave her purposed and it filled her heart and soul. Thanks

Board Member Eyres

Reported that she attended Denim Day, Beverly Johnson: Naked event is tomorrow, Saturday Artist's Round Table at Plummer Park, Attending Lit Fest with Hollywood Now, Will be in Dear Harvey Production, Officially running for President Hollywood Now.

Board Member Smash Hyde Notified that she resigned from all her other commitments except Women's Advisory Board.

**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None

**14. Adjournment**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:57 PM to a special meeting on Thursday, May 30, 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 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2019.



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AMANDA SMASH HYDE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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JENNY IVANOVA,  
RECORDING SECRETARY