

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 30, 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 7:16 PM

**A. Roll Call**

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich  
Board Member Karen Eyres  
Board Member Tina Moore  
Board Member Nadia Sutton  
Board Vice Chair Melaney Lubey  
Board Chair Amanda Smash Hyde

Absent: Board Member Carla Romo  
Board Member Jenner Deal  
Board Member Silvia Salguero

Also Present: Staff Liaison. Larissa Fooks  
Recording Secretary, Jenny Ivanova

**2. Approval of the May 30, 2019 Meeting Agenda**

Approval of the May 30, 2019 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Moore, and approved unanimously.

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

Tabled.

**4. Public Comment:**

John Erickson, President, Hollywood NOW, spoke about item 6.A. He expressed concerns regarding the organization of the women's leadership conference including lack of communication, the exhibitor space, last minute program changes and the use of public funds.

Alana Roshay, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Member, spoke about plans for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bi-Pride and requested the Board's support. She also shared comments regarding item 6.A. including that she was honored to speak at the women's leadership conference, compared this year's conference to a previous one that had greater participation and engagement and suggested revisiting the vision of the conference.

Sepi Shyne, West Hollywood resident, thanked the Board for their work. Spoke about item 6.A. and expressed her support of the women's leadership conference and being

honored to have been a speaker. She expressed concerns regarding miscommunication and lack of communication, last minute changes and low attendance. She also suggested that the City consider the conference event staffing as well as involving female-owned and women-focused businesses.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Sunset Strip Girl Fest**

Tabled.

### **B. Community Screening of Knock Down the House**

Chelsea Byers spoke on behalf of National Women's Political Caucus/LA Westside Chapter about organizing a community screening of Netflix's new documentary film "Knock Down the House", to be held along with a panel discussion on July 24, 2019 from 6 pm. - 9 pm. Boardmember Moore made a motion in support of the "Knock Down the House screening with the National Women's Political Caucus/LA Westside Chapter which was seconded by Boardmember Eyres and passed unanimously. Chair Smash Hyde and Boardmember Eyres were designated as liaisons.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference**

Boardmember Eyres made a motion for the Board to compile their feedback and that from community members, forward this feedback to the City Council and staff, and request that all concerns be addressed. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Moore and passed unanimously.

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

Vice Chair Lubey reported that there's no movement at this point

### **C. Women's Equality Day Celebration**

The subcommittee reported on planning ideas for the City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day, including an activists' type event with Supermajority, a new women's rights organization or a film screening and panel discussion type event. Information about several documentary films was also shared.

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

Staff reported on recommendations from the Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee regarding about sexual violence prevention. Boardmember Eyres made a motion that the City consider exploring the creation of a bystander safety program (aka safe bar program). The motion was seconded by Boardmember Lubey and passed unanimously.

### **E. Women's Advisory Board Work Plan Implementation**

Staff gave a brief update regarding the Board's work plan implementation process.

## 7. **LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

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

Staff gave a brief update regarding the state legislative process.

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

Brief updates from staff regarding the status of federal legislation of interest and policy that the Board is tracking. Information was shared regarding the City's actions banning travel to certain states due to discriminatory laws and policies and against the Trump Administration's denial of care rule.

### **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 discussed potential actions.

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment –  
Boardmembers gave updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERANow Campaigns
2. Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention  
Boardmember Eyres made a motion for the Board to endorse both the City-sponsored human trafficking training and the Human Rights Speaker Series film screening on human trafficking planned for the fall. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Moore and passed unanimously.
3. Women's Health – Breastfeeding Friendly City and Free Tampon Program  
Staff updated the Board regarding potential actions.
4. Additional Items – None.

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

Boardmember Eyres reported on attending the LA County commission on Women's luncheon which featured a presentation regarding SB 826, requiring that women be included as members on all corporate boards.

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

The Board designated Chair Smash Hyde to report back to the City Council for May 2019.

## 10. **SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

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

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** – No report.
2. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – No report
3. **She Angels:** The next pitchfest event scheduled for October is now postponed until further notice due to the success of the web series and future funding opportunities in development.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember Sutton

Spoke about the success of the City hosted press conference against abortion bans. Reminded everyone to vote on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Boardmember Eyres

She spoke about being a speaker at the City's press conference against the abortion bans and complimented the City for its rapid response on the issue. She commented about participating in the staged reading of *Dear Harvey* for Harvey Milk Day and attending the "Run As You Are" workshop hosted by the organization VoteRunLead.

Vice Chair Lubey

She spoke about attending the Mom Congress and advocating for the Momnibus package of legislation. She announced that her company DailyKarma was recently featured in *Forbes*.

Boardmember Bleich

She commented about reading the new book by Brett Easton Ellis called *White*, which contains a reference about City of West Hollywood. She announced that she is drafting an Op-ed for *Weherville* about human trafficking.


**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Larissa Fooks verified that Board members had received information about riding in the pride parade on the City's float. She gave a brief update about the status of Board re-appointments by the City Council.

**14. Adjournment**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:10pm to their next regular meeting on Thursday, June 27, 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 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