

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 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 Vice-Chair Lubey at 7:04 PM

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Member Karen Eyres
Board Member Jenner Deal
Board Member Angela de Silva
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Acting-Chair Melaney Lubey

Absent: Board Member Silvia Salguero
Board Member Tina Moore
Board Chair Amanda Smash Hyde (Resigned)

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

2. Approval of the July 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda

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

3. Approval of the June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Eyres, seconded by Board Member Bleich and approved with Board Member de Silva and Board Member Deal abstaining.

4. Public Comment:

Zachary Gaidzik, Field Deputy with Sheila Kuehl's office introduced himself to the Women's Advisory Board and offered his assistance with any projects of the Board.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Screening of the Documentary Film *Birthright: A War Story*

Staff talked to the board about an upcoming community screening of the documentary film *Birthright: A War Story*, thru the City's Human Rights Speaker Series about the ongoing battle over Roe v Wade and reproductive justice. Event

September 10th at 7pm. A motion to endorse the film screening was by Board Member Deal, seconded by Board Member Bleich approved unanimously.

- B. National Council of Jewish Women Advocacy Training Project (ATP)**
Nabila Sosa, Advocacy Program Manager, National Council of Jewish Women/LA provided information about the Advocacy Training Project (ATP), a series of advocacy workshops held annually. The program will be relaunched with a free open house event i on September 22 from 2pm-5pm. A motion to co-sponsor the ATP was made by Board member Deal, seconded by Board member Eyres and passed unanimously.
- C. Metro Rail Update**
The Women's Advisory Board received a presentation by staff on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line, including ways local residents and businesses can help shape the future of rail service to West Hollywood.
- D. City of West Hollywood Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC)**
The Board discussed and designated by consensus Board member Eyres to serve on the City's the Complete Count Committee (CCC). The CCC will develop strategies to ensure that every resident of the City of West Hollywood is counted.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference**
Staff distributed a completion of the Boards feedback. Board discussed on how to proceed with the City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference 2019 feedback and action plans.
- B. Women's Equality Day Commemoration – Sunday, August 25, 2019**
Staff spoke to the Board about ideas for the City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of women winning the right to vote in the United States. Board member Deal suggested we would lead a TED talk instead of a typical panel, the board agreed with this suggestion. Topic of #ERA was discussed on how to incorporate into this event. Film will be "The Great American Lie."
- C. Women's Safety Joint Subcommittee Report**
Tabled
- D. Women's Advisory Board Work Plan Implementation**
The City's newly completed Community Study and Demographic Report was distributed to the board. Staff provided demographic data.
- E. Election of Officers**
The Board conducted their annual elections for a new officers. Board Member Lubey was elected the chair and Board Member Deal was elected the vice-chair.

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

The Board will reviewed and discussed updates regarding state and federal legislation affecting women.

A. State Legislation & Policy

1. The Board reviewed a list distributed by staff of the State legislation that the City has taken position on this legislative cycle.

B. Federal Legislation & Policy

Board Members signed up to track federal legislation and policy on their prioritized issues.

1. Proposed Title IX Changes regarding sexual assault. -Board Member Bleich
2. Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act – Board Member Deal
3. The EMPOWER Act -Board Member de Silva
4. The Equality Act - Board Member Sutton
5. The Paycheck Fairness Act - - Board Member Lubey
6. Women’s Health Protection Act - Board Member Eyres
7. Enforcement of Title X Regulation that prohibits Title X grant recipients from counseling patients about abortion. - Board Member Eyres

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 and recommendations.

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment –
 - Updates from the Equal Means Equal and #ERAnow Campaigns Board Member Eyres on the cusp
2. Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention
Board member Bleich reported that the City’s small business and local enforcement training event will be held on October 8th.
3. Women’s Health – Breastfeeding Friendly City and Free Tampon Program
Board Member Deal reported that the state of New Hampshire passed a law requiring that high schools offer free tampons to students and about her communication with the city councilmember on the issue. Board Member Deal made a motion to recommend that the City look into ways to make public spaces more breastfeeding-friendly, the motion was seconded by Board Member Eryes and approved unanimously.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Commission on Women & Girls & Women & Girls Initiative 100 year Anniversary Celebration of 19th Amendment Committee.
No report
2. Association of California Women’s Commissions
No report

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Board designated Board Member Lubey to report back to the City Council for July 2019.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities were shared.

1. **Women In Film Speaker Series** –Board Member de Silva reported that her first speaker event on July 22nd about unscripted/reality tv programs was wonderful.
2. **WAB Club: Women And Books** – Board Member Eyres reported that “Becoming” by Michelle Obama is the August book selection.
3. **Community Screening of Knock Down the House** – Board Members Lubey, Eyres, Bleich are planning to attend on behalf of the Board.
4. **Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy – Family Court System**
Sunday October 6th was selected for the film screening event and the Subcommittee is planning to meet in early August.
5. **Human Trafficking Awareness Community Screening** – Board Member Bleich reported that the screening will be taking place possibly in Sept/Oct.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member de Silva

Announced that she is excited about being in a kids show the following week.

Board Member Deal

Announced that she directed a Pampers father’s day commercial which resulted in 5,000 men’s restrooms getting changing stations

Board Member Sutton

Announced she was re-elected to Stonewall Democratic Club Board/She also announced that donations were being collected at the City Hall for immigrants at the US border.

Board Member Eyres

Announced that she and Board Member Bleich become PPALS for Planned Parenthood Los Angeles and that she recently attended the National NOW convention. She also announced the upcoming live reading of the Mueller Report co-sponsored by Hollywood NOW on August 10th and 11th and the first West Hollywood CicLAvia event on August 18th.

Board Member Bleich

Announced the relaunch of a product that she helped create at her former job.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff shared about an event if West Hollywood community members were interested in learning more about addressing homelessness in West Hollywood and the greater Los Angeles region are invited to the West Hollywood City Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 28 from 6-9pm for a FREE screening and panel discussion of the documentary film "The Advocates." Director Remi Kessler and a diverse group of community representatives and advocates discuss their work and share what *you* can do to get involved. Co-sponsored by City of West Hollywood and in partnership with the United Way of Greater Los Angeles' Everyone-In campaign.

14. Adjournment

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:13pm to their next meeting on Thursday, August 22, 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 JULY, 2019.



MELANEY LUBEY, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:



JENNY IVANOVA,
RECORDING SECRETARY