

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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 Lubey at 7:03 PM.

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Member Tina Moore
Board Member Nicole Payton
Board Member Angela de Silva
Board Member Nadia Sutton
Board Vice-Chair Jenner Deal
Board Chair Melaney Lubey

Absent: Board Member Karen Eyres

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

2. Approval of the October 24, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the October 24, 2019 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Bleich, seconded by Board Member de Silva and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Tabled

Approval of the September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member de Silva, seconded by Board Member Payton and approved with f Board Member Moore and Board Member Bleich and Board Member Deal abstaining.

4. Public Comment:

Sajji Lazarus shared information on women's self-defense classes her organization leads, the website is www.greentaproject.com

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Centennial Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

The Board brainstormed ideas on ways to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment that granted women the right to vote in the United States. A subcommittee was formed with Boardmember Payton, Boardmember de Silva, Chair Lubey and Vice-Chair Deal.

B. Co-sponsorship of the Hollywood Now Production of the Vagina Monologues

Tabled

C. City of West Hollywood Annual Commemoration of Roe v Wade

The Board discussed planning process led by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles for next year's annual commemoration of Roe v Wade, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Board Member de Silva will be a liaison, alongside with Boardmember Bleich, and Boardmember Eyres. The next working group meeting will take place on October 30th.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Domestic Violence Awareness and Advocacy – Family Court System

Staff updated the board on the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month event regarding domestic violence and victimization within the Family Court System to be held on Monday, October 28, 2019 at Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall. The Board confirmed their attendance and participation.

B. WAB Annual Televised Meeting:

The Board reviewed a draft meeting agenda for its annual televised meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 7 pm – 9 pm at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers.

C. National Women's History Month Celebration 2020

The Board discussed ideas for the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March. Subcommittee was formed with Board Member de Silva and Board Chair Lubey.

D. Women's Advisory Board Work Plan Implementation

Staff asked the Board to review their work plan, and really get familiar with it prior to Women's Advisory Board Retreat meeting on December 11, 2019.

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. State Legislation & Policy

1. Review of new California legislation.

B. Federal Legislation & Policy

The Board will discuss federal legislation and receive updates about the status of federal legislation of interest and policy that the Board is tracking.

1. Proposed Title IX Changes regarding sexual assault.
2. Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, VAWA
3. The EMPOWER Act, regarding steps to reduce sexual harassment workplaces.
4. The Equality Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit, and the jury system.
5. The Paycheck Fairness Act would add procedural protections to the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Fair Labor Standards Act as part of an effort to address the gender pay gap in the United States.
6. Women's Health Protection Act protects constitutional right to abortion.
7. Title X Regulation –
8. Proposed Rule to Amend Section 1557 of the Health Care Rights Law, a part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that, as currently written, offers protections to transgender people in healthcare settings. The new interpretation would essentially allow healthcare providers to discriminate based on gender identity.

C. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment –
No update
2. Human Trafficking - Awareness and Prevention – Boardmember Bleich reported about the recent human trafficking awareness education trainings.
3. Women's Health – Breastfeeding Friendly City and Free Tampon Program
Board Member Deal reported about testing the tampon machine at City Hall for a free tampon. Board Member Moore suggested the Board read the article that included with Board Member Deal's interview. Board Member Deal motioned to form a Women's Health subcommittee, seconded by Board Member Moore. Subcommittee will include Board Vice-Chair Deal, Board Chair Lubey, Board Member de Silva, and Board Member Payton.
4. Additional Items
None.

7. 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
Board Member de Silva and Board Member Payton will be attending regional gathering of Southern California Women's Commissions on November 15th.
2. Association of California Women's Commissions
No update

3. City of West Hollywood Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) Report
Staff shared some updates. The next meeting will be in December.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

The Board designated Board Member de Silva to report back to the City Council for November 2019.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

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

1. Women In Film Speaker Series –

Board Member de Silva wont be able to attend, has a conflict.

2. WAB Club: Women And Books –

No Update

3. Human Trafficking Awareness Community Screening –

No Update

4. National Council of Jewish Women Advocacy Training Project -

5. Joint Women’s Safety Subcommittee, a joint subcommittee -

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Moore

Discussed dressing up for Halloween to wear the “Only Yes Means Yes” signage
Boards to raise awareness.

Board Member Payton

Signed up for the City ‘s affordable housing tour and will be attending a Clean Summit
on sunday.

Board Member de Silva

Attending the City’s affordable housing tour.

Board Member Bleich

Thanked fellow Board Member de Silva for attending the human trafficking awareness
workshop

Board Vice-Chair Deal

Announced that she was a keynote speaker at National Period Day.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Corri Planck invited the Board to share information on the free Santa Monica College
program for adults 50+ Emeritus Program which will be launching in West Hollywood.

The City is Hosting an Emeritus Info Session on October 28th 2pm-3:30pm, Movietown Square – Community Room.

Corri Planck shared information on CalFresh Benefits program that helps purchase food. Benefits are loaded monthly on to participants CalFresh card for use at participating grocery stores. For more information www.weho.org/calfresh

14. Adjournment:

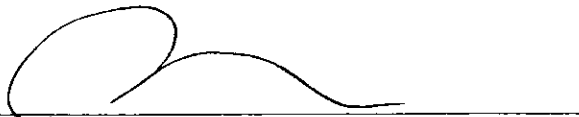
The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:18pm to a special televised meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7pm in the West Hollywood Council Chambers, located at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.



MELANEY LUBEY, CHAIR

ATTEST:



JENNY IVANOVA,
RECORDING SECRETARY