

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE MEETING***

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Deal at 7:05 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 Member Timothea Tway
Board Vice-Chair Jenner Deal
Board Chair Melaney Lubey

Absent: Board Member Karen Eyres

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

B. Approval of the August 27, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the August 27, 2020 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Sutton and approved unanimously.

C. Approval of the July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Tabled

D. Public Comment:

Sepi Shyne, City of West Hollywood, congratulated the Board on their work they did with the Women's Leadership Conference which was a great success and thanked for their service. Sepi also shared a newly created group that she and nine other residents have co-organized to help neighbors in need during COVID-19. Facebook page called WeHo Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Invited the Board to sign up and to share information with others to sign-up and volunteer. Congratulated Boardmembers Jenner Deal and Angela de Silva on being elected Vice Chair, and Chair and thanked them for their participation on the Facebook Live for Women's Equality Day.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Women's Equality Day 2020: 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration

Larissa Fooks, Community Events Coordinator, updated the Board on plans for the City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day on August 30th highlighting the 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Thanked Vice-Chair de Silva, who helped put together a virtual exhibitor space promoting the 19th Centennial the Conference. This event will be recorded and shared with the public, currently 200 attendees registered.

B. Covid-19 Related Updates and Community Support

Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor, provided information about how domestic violence issues since the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact within communities. She spoke about programs such as Project Safe Haven is a collaboration of the Mayor's Office and the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles to secure safe housing for up to 900 survivors of domestic abuse during this difficult time and the 'Behind Closed Doors' public safety campaign to encourage residents to report violence in homes, particularly while they remain under stay-at-home orders. She also reported that restraining orders can be obtained by email, WebEx, fax, and phone and suggested that the Board might consider.

Staff shared that City Park's recreation spaces are available for public use by optional reservation. Reservations are available at Plummer Park in the Vista Lawn and Fuller Lawn areas and at West Hollywood Park in the Great Lawn area. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. More information <https://www.weho.org/services/online-services/recreation-online>

Boardmembers shared information about other programs and resources for residents, including families with children.

C. City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference

Larissa Fooks, Community Events Coordinator thanked the Board about their participation and support of the annual Conference. All the sessions were recorded and will be shared on YouTube at a later date. Boardmembers provided feedback and suggestions for future events.

D. Board Workplan Review

Board discussed ideas on how to move forward with the Board's workplan during this pandemic. Take some time to really come up with focused goals they would like to take on as a board.

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Staff provided a brief update regarding the two lawsuits pending regarding the ratification of the ERA.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Commission on Women & Girls & Women & Girls Initiative
Staff shared a meeting was held last week, recording and agendas are on their website. They hold their meeting every 4th Monday, recommended for the Board to attend a lot of valuable information regarding COVID.
2. City of West Hollywood Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC)
Report
No update
3. City Board & Commission Reports
No update

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Board Member Lubey was designated to report to the City Council in August 2020.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **WAB Women's Safety Subcommittee**
Board Member Bleich reported that she will present information on human trafficking at the next meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Tway wanted to echo all the kudos to everybody that was involved in the Conference these last two weeks. There's so much work that went into it from people on this board and staff from City West Hollywood, and she thought it was fantastic.

Board Member Payton shared that she participated in the City's Climate Action Committee. She shared pressing issues for West Hollywood in terms of climate and water access, heat out of adaptation with the consultant. Shared the importance of more people taking public transit to be able to have healthy environments to do so.

Board Member Moore wanted to remind everyone if you are not registered to vote, or if you don't know if you're registered please check.

Board Member Lubey shared an advocacy update that AB 2360 passed in the California Legislature which means now telehealth, mental health will be available. It's a focus on mental health both for mothers and children. Congratulated Chair and Vice Chair on running a great successful first meeting.

Board Member Bleich congratulated Jenner and Angela on their election as officers.

Chair Deal thanked the Board for making her chair. She's super excited to lead the board and thank you again to everyone's amazing for the conference.

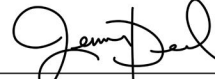
13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks, Community Events Coordinator expressed thanks to the Board for all the work that members helped with the Conference from just being a sounding board to attending and jumping in as needed and being visible. She also thanked the Board for their comments and compliments regarding the Conference.

14. Adjournment:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:01pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.



JENNER DEAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:



JENNY IVANOVA,
RECORDING SECRETARY