

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE MEETING***

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Lubey at 7:01 PM.

A. Roll Call

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich
Board Member Karen Eyres
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: None

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

B. Approval of the July 30, 2020 Meeting Agenda

Approval of the July 30, 2020 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Payton, seconded by Board Member de Silva and approved unanimously.

C. Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Ayres and approved unanimously.

D. Public Comment:

None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Covid-19 Related Updates and Community Support

Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck, presented an update on all the City services that are available to West Hollywood residents and community members

that may have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. For more information please visit www.weho.org/coronavirus
Boardmembers shared the following feedback and concerns:

- Board Member Eyres shared that domestic abuse hotline was difficult to find on the city website. Suggested that the information should be a little more obvious and easier to find on the Coronavirus website information page.
- Board Member Sutton brought up concern regarding mental health and having space for people to share their emotions and potentially get counseling during this difficult time.
- Board Member Bleich express how difficult it has been for her, and that if more support around mental health for people going through a hard time during COVID-19 pandemic.
- Board Member Payton shared with the board that at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs holds a City contract in which the social welfare students are providing mental health services for city workers.
- Board Member Moore inquired if we had any data how many women reached out for various services, and has the City noticed a gap where people aren't reaching out and maybe they should.

B. City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference

Community Events Coordinator, Larissa Fooks provided an update on the City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference. The event will be held August 18 through the 26th.

C. Annual Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Nominations for Chair opened by Chair Lubey. Vice Chair Deal and Board Member Eyres were nominated. Vice Chair Deal was elected Chair by a vote of 8-1. Vice Chair Deal nominated Board Member de Silva. Board Member de Silva was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

The Board received an update on 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. Board Members recorded video clips that will be compiled by Boardmember de Silva and presented at the next council meeting in honor of the 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration.

B. National Women's History Month Celebration 2020

Board discussed City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

C. Board Workplan Review

Community Events Coordinator, Larissa Fooks reported that the City's in-person events for the rest of the year will be cancelled due to COVID 19 pandemic which will affect their workplan. At upcoming meetings, the Board will review and adjust the work plan accordingly.

7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

A. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Staff wanted to acknowledge the ratification that occurred in January. Lawsuits have been filed and it's anticipated it's going to go to the Supreme Court.

Board Member Eyres shared that there was a constitutional amendment that was passed by the state, so it could move on to the ballot in November. Which is about reversing a decision, a proposition that passed a while ago saying the state cannot do affirmative action and Equal Opportunity Programs say they have this rule that forbid that, and which stands on the books today.

Chair Lubey shared that she would like city and our board take a little bit more of a strong stance on the Cares Act. She encouraged the board to call our legislators and put some pressure on.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Commission on Women & Girls & Women & Girls Initiative

Board Member Eyres reported that a meeting took place last week and an election was held. The initiative is under new leadership, final year of this initiative.

Currently the Centennial Celebration is under reset, will be producing celebratory events throughout the year in partnership with many other organizations.

2. City of West Hollywood Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) Report

None

3. City Board & Commission Reports

None

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Board Member Deal was designated to report to the City Council in July 2020.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **WAB Women's Safety Subcommittee**

Board Member Sutton shared that she reached out to NCJW, would like to keep a dialogue with other organizations on domestic violence issue.

2. West Hollywood V-Day/The Vagina Monologues

Board Chair Lubey shared that it was one of the coolest things she's been a part of. She enjoyed being on stage with so many amazing activists, the amount of money that was raised for organizations.

3. National Council of Jewish Women Advocacy Training Project (ATP),

None

4. TransVagina Diaries

Board Member Eyres shared with the board that the in-person event was cancelled due to COVID, but the production team did have a recording viewing on zoom of the production with cast and a few special guests. Zoom viewing will take place for everyone who purchased a ticket.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member de Silva reported she rested a lot and got really involved with Black Lives Matter.

Board Member Payton shared that been super busy with work and trying to pivot is the word of the moment.

Board Member Eyres shared that she was about to become president of the Hollywood chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Board Member Moore shared it's so inspiring to be back together again.

Board Member Tway shared about the importance of not taking things for granted and to reach out to other people. Thanked staff for getting the boards up and running again because the work that all the boards and commissions do in the city is important.

Board Member Sutton asked everyone to please vote. Also asked to honor our great John Lewis. And I would like to say in his words, let us have our righteous anger and passion but let us make sure that we do not come from hate.

Board Member Deal expressed that she was honored to be back together with everyone and expressed thanks for being elected chair. She was excited to us the board especially in this wild, wild year, it's been a roller coaster, but surprisingly like a really beautiful time of growth.

Board Member Bleich wanted to say a huge thank you to fellow members who reached out to her during this time. She shared that she has been working at Amazon overnight as well as starting training for a temporary census job. Thanked everyone for the love and y support. Also announced that today is World Awareness and Human Trafficking Day.

Board Chair Lubey wanted to thank the board for allowing her to serve for the last year and the service and the uniqueness that every single member of this board brings is what inspires her and keeps her going.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Community Events Coordinator, Larissa Fooks showed a video about Suffragist-City-Parade mentioned earlier in the meeting.

<https://susanb.org/suffragist-city-parade/>

Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck took a moment to thank Chair Lubey and Vice Chair Jenner for their incredible work as well as great programming and great activities that happened under their leadership. Also, she shared that she been acting as the director for the human services and stabilization department and that she will not be attend the next couple of Women’s Advisory Board Meeting due to Rent Stabilization Commission meeting conflicted. But she leaves the board in good hands with Larissa and Jenny.

14. Adjournment:

The Women’s Advisory Board adjourned at 9:33pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST 2020.



JENNER DEAL, CHAIR

ATTEST:



JENNY IVANOVA,
RECORDING SECRETARY