

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair de Silva at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Sajji Lazarus, Tina Moore, Danielle Nisim, Nicole Payton, Timothea Tway, Keely Field, Angela de Silva

ABSENT: Melissa Purner

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Diane Kahn-Epstein, Program Administrator, Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and Jenny Ivanova, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2021 ACTION: Approval of the November 18, 2021, Meeting Agenda was **motioned by Boardmember Payton, seconded by Boardmember Tway, and approved unanimously.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 28, 2021 ACTION: Approval of the October 28, 2021, Meeting Minutes was **motioned by Vice Chair Field, seconded by Boardmember Nisim. The motion passed with 4 votes in favor and Boardmember Tway, Boardmember Moore and Boardmember Lazarus abstaining.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

KAREN AYRES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, resident and President of the Hollywood Now, spoke about their annual Herstory Award program scheduled for March 2022 honoring community leader Ruth Williams.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE LA COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, provided an overview of the collaborative, including background information, the City's partners, and services provided. She shared that The Collaborative provided technical assistance in supporting this study regarding COVID vaccine hesitancy among sexual minority women, funded by the Iris Cantor UCLA Health Education and Research Center.

ACTION: Reviewed and filed.

B. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, and Diane Kahn-Epstein, Program Administrator for the Strategic Initiatives Division, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting year four data of the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative. They discussed progress toward implementation goals and how the City responded to support the community, specifically older adults, in navigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION: Reviewed and Discussed.

C. ANNUAL ROE V WADE COMMEMORATION

Staff Liaison Fooks shared information regarding plans in development for the City's annual commemoration of the anniversary of Roe v Wade under NCWJ |LA programming scheduled for January 23, 2022.

ACTION: Received and filed.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW UP

Staff provided a brief overview of the Board's workplan to familiarize board members for next month's meeting discussion.

ACTION: Tabled.

B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2022

Staff Liaison Fooks and Chair de Silva provided information about the Boards' annual programming for the City's celebration of National Women's History Month.

ACTION: Board members by consensus agreed to move forward with the Women's History Month kick-off at a virtual/hybrid City Council

meeting to a and to plan a movie/panel discussion night event similar to the activity held in 2020.

C. HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Staff provided an overview of the City's previous annual recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness.

ACTION: Board member Lazarus joined the Human Trafficking Subcommittee.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative
No report.
2. City Board & Commission Reports
No report.
3. California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
No report.
4. Association of California Commissions for Women
No report.

ACTION: Larissa Fooks, Community Programs Coordinator, provided an overview of each initiative encouraged the body to attend meetings and consider becoming a liaison.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Board Member Moore will report back to the City Council for November 2021.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

i. **WOMEN'S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Staff Liaison Fooks shared that the Public Safety Commission voted to create a joint Subcommittee. The next step would be to schedule a joint meeting.

ii. **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tabled.

iii. **LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Vice-Chair Field provided an update from the subcommittee meeting on the Board's legislative priority bills discussion of AB 925, Sexual assault forensic examinations: reimbursement and hosting a virtual event to promote and educate the community on the bill. Since the meeting the bill was signed into law.

iv. **JOINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Staff Liaison Fooks shared a brief update.

- v. **WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES**
No report.
- vi. **WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS**
Chair de Silva shared the book for December is "Nowhere Girl: A Memoir of a fugitive childhood" by Cheryl Diamond.
- vii. **NCJW|LA ADVOCACY TRAINING PROJECT & MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GROUP**
Vice-Chair Field provided feedback on previous events and reflected on what worked and didn't work.

ACTION: Board Member Moore and Board Member Payton stepped down from the Women's Safety Subcommittee and Vice Chair Field joined the newly merged Nightlife Safety Subcommittee.

Vice-Chair Field made a motion to host a virtual event focused on bringing awareness and educating the community of the bill AB 1225, The Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act, seconded by Board Member Moore and approved by roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:
None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Moore expressed that it was nice to see everyone and congratulated Chair de Silva on her engagement. She shared she was speaking at Los Angeles Women's Entrepreneurship Day on Friday, November 19th, 10 am – 3 pm and invited the body to attend.

Board Member Lazarus congratulated Chair de Silva on her engagement.

Board Member Tway congratulated Chair de Silva and stated that it was nice to see everyone.

Vice-Chair Field shared information on an upcoming event she will be speaking at, held on Sunday afternoon, hosted by NCJW - "Exercising Your Power: Boards and Commissions Discussion" Panel.

Chair de Silva thanked the board for their support and patience during this long meeting. She shared her excitement about the work this board will accomplish.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:
None.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:27 pm to their next Special Teleconference meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 9TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

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ANGELA DE SILVA, CHAIR

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RECORDING SECRETARY**