

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair de Silva at 7:02 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Sajji Lazarus

ALSO PRESENT: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and Jenny Ivanova, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 27, 2022, 2021

ACTION: Approval the agenda of January 27, 2022, Meeting Agenda was **motioned by Boardmember Moore, seconded by Vice-Chair Field, and approved by roll call vote.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 9, 2021

ACTION: Approval the minutes of December 9, 2021, Meeting Agenda was **motioned by Chair de Silva, seconded by Vice-Chair Field, and approved by roll call vote with Boardmember Purner absenting.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Vika Safrigina, on behalf of the Russian Advisory Board, informed the board of International Women's Day video contest plans.

Robert Oliver, Public Safety Commissioner and resident, spoke about the Safety in West Hollywood.

Lakeisha McGee, Founder of the Heal Her foundation, spoke about the non-profit organization. She shared that they organize exclusively for women's needs, including but not limited to economic security, freedom from violence, addiction, and enhancing access to health services and information and education. She expressed interest in partnership with the Board.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BOARD INPUT ON SOCIAL SERVICES PRIORITIES

David Giugni provided an overview of the City's social services funding cycle and asked the Women's Advisory Board to input social services priorities. Joan Mithers, Social Services Program Administrator presented questions.

The Women's Advisory Board provided input to Social Services staff on the social service needs of Women community members.

Chair de Silva will represent the Board at the March 8, 2022, Human Services Commission meeting.

B. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Staff presented the proposed 2022 meeting dates to the Board, including ten regular scheduled meetings and three special calendar meetings.

ACTION: Received and approved. **Motion made by Boardmember Moore, seconded by Boardmember Payton to approve the Women's Advisory Board 2022 meeting dates, and approved by roll call vote.**

C. HOLLYWOOD NOW HERSTORY AWARDS 2022

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, provided background information on the history of the annual Herstory Awards.

ACTION: Motion made by Boardmember Payton seconded by Boardmember Moore to endorse the annual Herstory Awards honoring a local women leader, presented by the Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women during March as part of National Women's History Month.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD WORKPLAN UPDATES

The Women's Advisory Board discussed each Board member's passion action item for the 2022 Work Plan. Larissa Fooks, Community Programs Coordinator, provided information on the Board's Agenda layout.

B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2022

Boardmember Moore provided an update on the subcommittee's planning for the National Women's History Month. She stated the committee decided to for a 30-day challenge of online posts surrounding women's history month suggesting daily action posts.

Chair de Silva suggested for the Board to come up one item each to list on the 30-day challenge and email staff.

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, reported on the status of the events for the National Women's History Month.

Board members delineated the selection of the two Women's History Month selection to the subcommittee by consensus.

The Board agreed by consensus not to host a virtual event for the Women's Leadership Awards until the City can host an in-person event.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY & NIGHTLIFE SAFETY DISCUSSION UPDATES

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, shared the purpose statement of the joint subcommittee was approved.

The Vice-Chair Field recapped initial conversations on the Public Nightlife Safety focused on the issue at hand of roofing drinks and brought up providing testing kits for testing to prevent assaults.

Vice-Chair Field made the motion that the Women's Advisory Board recommends the City Council to provide testing kits in West Hollywood establishment's bars, clubs, and establishments. Board members had additional questions on the motion. Staff informed the Board that City staff is currently working on the testing kits behind the scenes.

D. ANNUAL ROE V WADE COMMEMORATION

Chair de Silva shared her and the Vice-Chair's attendance at the commemoration discussion of *ROE@49 – Courageous Conversations on Abortion* and provided event feedback

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative
2. City Board & Commission Reports
3. California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls – Grant Opportunity Update
4. Association of California Commissions for Women

No Reports.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Vice Chair Field will report back to the City Council for January 2022.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

- i. **JOINT WOMEN'S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**
No Report.
- ii. **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Chair de Silva provided the development of visibility and outreach strategies and color palettes to the deck of assets.
- iii. **LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE**
Vice-Chair Field provided an update on the AB1225 bill the subcommittee was following. Chair de Silva shared staff Governmental Affairs Liaison will attend their next meeting.
- iv. **JOINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

- v. No Report.
WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES
No Report.
- vi. **WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS**
Chair de Silva shared the book for the book for March is "Ruth Bader Ginsburg" by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik.
- vii. **NCJW|LA MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GROUP**
No Report.
- viii. **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Vice-Chair Field provided updates on potential awareness plans to reach a broader audience and partner with agencies that specialize in human trafficking.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unknown, spoke in support of self-care events; ITEM 6.A. suggested testing strips be included under services provided; talked about the Safety concerns with Uber/Lyft rides; spoke about the Marijuana dispensaries; spoke on dog walking safety around the city.

Vika Safrigina, inquired about Women's History Month Banners and suggested a local cinematographer, Halyna Hutchins.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Purner shared on a personal note she quit a toxic job. She shared her excitement to be in attendance tonight, and she was looking forward to the Board's work.

Boardmember Nisim was happy to be in attendance.

Boardmember Tway stated it was nice to see everyone together and she was looking forward to the work this Board will accomplish.

Boardmember Payton shared information on the 4th Annual Luskin Summit focused on policy and a panel discussion held through her work.

Boardmember Moore congratulated Boardmember Purner. She wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice Chair Field shared her excitement for all the items this Board will accomplish in 2022.

Chair de Silva spoke about her excitement to hear everyone speak surrounding their passions and the future Board this body will accomplish.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, spoke about a California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls newsletter she provided to the Board and on the Grant funding opportunity it may bring. She encourages the Board to fill out the survey on the community's needs.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:09 pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 7 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

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