

**MINUTES
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

**Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Boardmember Moore at 7:11 pm.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** read by Boardmember Moore

Chair Field and Boardmember De Silva arrived at 7:12pm

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

4. **OATH OF OFFICE:**

Councilmember John Erickson administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Women's Advisory Boardmember, Olivia Lane.

5. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Olivia Lane, Melissa Purner, Clara Juhn, Tina Moore, Nicole Payton, Keely Field, Angela De Silva, and Kat Lockwood

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretaries, Jasmine Duckworth and Amy Valdepena

Board introductions

6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

ACTION: Approved the Meeting agenda for November 17, 2022. Motion by Chair Field, seconded by Boardmember Moore and approved, noting abstentions by Boardmember Lane and Boardmember Juhn.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

ACTION: Approved the Meeting minutes for October 27, 2022. Motion by Chair Field, seconded by Boardmember Payton and approved, noting abstentions by Boardmember Purner, Boardmember Lane and Boardmember Juhn.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilmember John Erickson congratulated Boardmember Lane on joining the Board and thanked the WAB for their ongoing work and efforts.

Karen Eyres, President of Hollywood NOW, shared information about the upcoming HERstory awards, informed the Board that the 2022 award recipient is the Women's Advisory Board staff liaison Larissa Fooks. Karen expressed interest in the board's activities for Women's History Month and extended an invitation to collaborate on future events or programming.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION ON MULTI-STALL GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOMS

Ben Galan, Building and Safety Division Manager from the Planning and Services Development Services Department presented an update to the Women's Advisory Board regarding Multi-stall Gender-Neutral Restrooms.

B. BOYS DON'T WEAR DRESSES FILM SCREENING

The Board received a presentation from Jason Weissbrod of Spectrum Laboratory, about a screening of their award-winning short film, "Boys Don't Wear Dresses", a modern-day fairytale based on Cinderella about a young autistic transgender individual learning about love and independence.

Possible date for screening: April 2, 2023 – World Autism Acceptance Day

ACTION: Motion by Chair Field to support the Boys Don't Wear Dresses film screening to be held on Sunday April 2, 2023, location TBD, seconded by Boardmember De Silva.

C. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN WEST HOLLYWOOD REVIEW

The Board reviewed and discussed The Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood.

Board comments:

Why do women choose to stay in WeHo?

What would make you leave?

What are the chief concerns?

Why are women still making half that of their male counterparts?

How long do women stay in West Hollywood?

Why aren't more families being raised here?

Statistics on Women's utilization of transportation in West Hollywood.

The Board discussed creating surveys to begin capturing the above information and want the surveys to be available at future WAB events.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

The Board continued the planning process for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

Staff provided a brief update. The Women's Advisory Board Subcommittee discussed the idea of hosting a 'Women's History Month Party' at the West Hollywood Park at the end of March. The Board selected Chair Field and Vice-Chair Lazarus to serve on the Women in Leadership Awards Selection Committee.

Boardmember De Silva will attend the December 20th Russian Advisory Board and provide an update on the upcoming plans for the International Women's Festival with the Board.

Boardmember Lane joined the Women's History Month subcommittee.

B. WORKPLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES

The Board reviewed their current workplan and discussed updates and implementation.

C. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS

The Board discussed their support and advocacy for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs). SARTs help survivors through the maze of community services available to them and uses the experiences of survivors to improve those services.

D. PROJECT BLACKBIRD

The Board received an update from staff regarding the upcoming Project Blackbird event on December 3, 2022, a film and discussion program about eating disorders and mental health endorsed by the WAB. The Board discussed participation and outreach efforts.

E. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE REPORT

The Board received the final legislative update report on the status of legislation for which the City took an official position during the 2022 legislative session.

F. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS

The Board received a brief update from staff regarding the development of social marketing materials about domestic violence/intimate partner violence awareness.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

The Board heard feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities.

A. PROJECT SILHOUETTE SUBCOMMITTEE

Subcommittee members shared updates from their last meeting about the development of a domestic violence/intimate partner awareness display.

B. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN, ACCW

No report.

12. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Boardmember Moore was designated to report back to the City Council for the month of November.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

14. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Lane thanked the Board for welcoming her and asked the Boardmembers to donate any gently used clothing or socks for a clothes drive she is participating in.

Boardmember De Silva informed the Board that she was pregnant.

Boardmember Payton informed the Board of the UC labor strike and wished the Board a Happy Thanksgiving.

Boardmember Lockwood welcomed Boardmember Lane, and thanked all of the election canvassers that participated in the most recent West Hollywood election.

Boardmember Purner welcomed Boardmember Lane and thanked the Board.

Boardmember Juhn had no comments.

Boardmember Moore thanked the Board, welcomed Boardmember Lane and congratulated Boardmember De Silva.

Chair Field welcomed Boardmember Lane and expressed excitement at the recent election of Mayor-elect Karen Bass.

15. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Informed the Board about the date of City's 38th Anniversary, West Hollywood Day, taking place on November 29th, and the World Aids Day event on December 1st and the Yes, I Am – Ric Weiland Story Screening Fundraiser that will be held after the event at the Harmony Gold Theater.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:30pm to its special meeting on Thursday, December 12, 2022, at 7 pm to be held at Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, Rooms 5 & 6, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

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Keely Field
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KEELY FIELD, CHAIR

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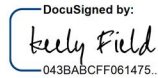
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