

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

**West Hollywood City Hall
1st floor Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Lazarus at 7:15pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Read by Chair Lazarus.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chair Lazarus.
4. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Olivia Lane, Helane Wilbourne, Melanie Elman, Sajji Lazarus, Angela de Silva, Kat Lockwood, Debra Torok, Stevi Shari

ABSENT: NA

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Amy Valdepeña
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
Approved the Meeting agenda for August 24, 2023. Motion by Chair Vice Chair Lazarus, seconded by Boardmember Torok and approved.

***Item 6 was tabled*
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Approval of Meeting minutes for July 28, 2023, has been tabled. Motion by Chair Lazarus, seconded by Boardmember de Silva and approved.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Karen Eyres – Thanked the Board for all that they have done. She is a part of the Human Services Commission and will be our liaison for WAB. Karen is excited about this weekend including the art show and will be there to show her support.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. PRESENTATION FROM THE RAPE TREATMENT CENTER (RTC)
The Board received a presentation from Marisa Faynsod, LCSW, Community Outreach Coordinator, about the work and services of the Rape Treatment Center/Stuart House, Santa Monica – UCLA Medical Center.

ACTION: Boardmember de Silva made a motion to create a subcommittee and continue discussions and actions related to what was heard on the RTC, seconded by Chair Lazarus. Boardmember Torok, Boardmember de Silva and Boardmember Shari will be the subcommittee.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The Board discussed the final logistics for the City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of women winning the right to vote in the United States. A brief discussion of Board participation and roles.

1. Women's Equality Day WEHO Take Over – August 26th
2. ERA Feminist Art Show - August 27th

Boardmember de Silva, Boardmember Wilbourne, Boardmember Torok, Boardmember Elman, Vice Chair Lockwood will be in attendance for the ERA Feminist Art Show. Boardmember Lane and Boardmember Shair will try to make an appearance.

A brief discussion of closing ceremony ideas was discussed. Ideas of having a poster board or construction paper and utilizing post-it's to answer thought provoking questions, and or leave a signature.

-How did you feel about what you saw today?

-What was the most memorable event?

-50 years from now do you think....

ACTION: Reviewed and Discussed

B. HOW TO HACK BIRTH CONTROL SCREENING

A brief update regarding the plans to screen the first episode of a new award-winning digital series by director Sassy Mohen, *How To Hack Birth Control*, which shines a light on how to navigate and take charge in today's contraception universe. September 23rd at City Council Chambers, timeframe estimate will be from 4:00pm-6:00pm. The screening is 27 minutes, and a Q&A will be conducted after with a few actors and directors.

ACTION: Reviewed and Discussed

C. WORKPLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES

The Board briefly reviewed their current workplan, discussed updates and implementation, and *look ahead* schedule of upcoming actions. Staff Liaison Larissa will send the Board an updated workplan file. Items in pink are time sensitive and yellow are to be reviewed. Domestic and violence month is approaching in October. Boardmember de Silva requested to have Emotional Abuse campaign on the agenda for their next meeting. 30th anniversary of WAB.

ACTION: Discussed and filed

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

The Board will discuss designating liaisons to other City Advisory Boards and Commissions.

ACTION: Chair Lazarus made a motion to discuss the subcommittee and Liaison options for any Boardmember that may be interested in reporting, seconded by Vice-Chair Lane.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

None.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned its next regular meeting, which will be on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 7 pm at West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

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Sajji Lazarus

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ATTEST:

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