

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**Plummer Park Community Center  
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 Chair Field at 7:21pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Read by Chair Field.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chair Field.
4. **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Angela de Silva, Olivia Lane, Kat Lockwood, Tina Moore, Sajji Lazarus, Keely Field, Nicole Payton- came in at 8:12pm

**ABSENT:** Clara Juhn, Melissa Purner

**ALSO PRESENT:** Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks Recording Secretary, Amy Valdepeña

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**  
Approved the Meeting agenda for March 23, 2023. Motion by Chair Field, seconded by Boardmember De Silva and approved.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**  
Approved the Meeting minutes for February 23, 2023. Motion by Chair Field, seconded by Vice Chair Lazarus.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CALIFORNIA NOW CONFERENCE**

The Board discussed and considered the request to support and participate in the California NOW 2023 State Conference coordinated by the California Chapter of the National Organization for Women, to be held Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the West Hollywood Recreation and Aquatics Center.

**ACTION:** Boardmember De Silva made a motion to endorse California Now Conference. Seconded by Vice Chair Lazarus.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW**

The Legislative Subcommittee reported on different groups and bills regarding legislative advocacy. The board discussed a few assembly bills and state bills. Boardmember Lockwood informed the Board at next WAB meeting Hernan will have a full list to discuss with WAB.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023**

The Board discussed the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March. Boardmember De Silvia discussed the event Women's History Month Block Party POP-UP taking place Saturday March 25, 2023, from 12:00pm-3:00pm at West Hollywood Park. The Board expressed their gratitude to Boardmember Lane for her donations. Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks informed the Board the Ladies of Courage will begin at 2:00pm on Saturday March 25, 2023, during the daytime they will have a few performers and during the night a digital projection of art will be displayed on buildings.

**ACTION:** Reviewed and discussed participation.

**C. NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH**

The Board discussed their plans for the outreach activity for the City's participation in National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month during the month of April 2023. The outreach activity will be in conjunction with the Public Safety Department. The board discussed dates and timeframes that work with their schedules. First optional date Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (evening time 6pm/7pm etc.) three Boardmembers can attend, second date Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (afternoon time) four Boardmembers can attend, third date Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (evening time) five Boardmembers can attend, fourth date Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> (evening time) four Boardmembers.

**ACTION:** Reviewed and discussed.

**D. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS**

An invitation was extended to the Board to take a tour at the UCLA Rape Treatment Center. The board is interested and discussed possibly dates. One possible date is Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**ACTION:** Reviewed and discussed.

## **E. V-DAY COMMEMORATION 2023**

The Board discussed the Silent Witness Display Launch. They all enjoyed seeing the silhouettes and are thrilled to see them around the City in the future. The Board discussed alternatives on how to bring in the community. A few brainstormed ideas were short video, highlight videos, teaming up with another event occurring, etc. Vice Chair Lazarus asked the board about possibly creating a subcommittee and creating assets for WAB, sharing it on their social media platforms as well as sharing it with the Communication Department.

**ACTION:** Reviewed and discussed.

*\*Item 9F was tabled\**

## **F. WORKPLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES**

The Board will review their updated workplan.

### **10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

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

#### **A. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN, ACCW**

Vice Chair Lazarus gave a brief report on the ACCW meeting. A few commission leaders from San Mateo & Pasadena were collaborating on how we can empower one another. The ACCW asked if WAB can submit any relevant notes so they can have a better general understanding. There was a discussion of planning to partner with the Commission of Status of Women and Girls.

**ACTION:** Reviewed and discussed.

### **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Vice Chair Lazarus expressed how fun the leadership awards were and it was her first one to attend. She thanked Larissa Fooks for all she has done to make a great event.

Boardmember Moore also expressed how wonderful the event was last night. She informed the board that this will be her last meeting with WAB as she will be joining Rent and Stabilization Commission. She will miss the Board and Larissa Fooks. She encouraged the Board to keep working hard and make a difference.

Boardmember Payton, brought up an event she is lead planning on it is the Luskin Summit 5<sup>th</sup> annual on April 19<sup>th</sup> on the UCLA Campus. It is a half day event from morning to lunch. She announced that it is bittersweet news, but she will be moving to the Public Facilities, Recreation, and Infrastructure Commission and this will be her last WAB Meeting. She thanked the Board for their support, friendships, and all the amazing things they have done.

Boardmember De Silva thanked Larissa and the Board for last night she expressed how fun it was and mentioned the food was great. She's going to miss both Boardmembers painfully. She is happy for both Boardmembers and is excited to continue growing together although it may not be on this Board but possibly for events.

Boardmember Lockwood congratulated both Boardmembers. She said the event went amazing yesterday and thanked the Board and Larissa Fooks. She invited the Board to Statewide Lobby Day on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sacramento. Also, a lobby training will be held on Wednesday evening over zoom at 6:00pm to go over a few bills.

Boardmember Lane was bummed that she could not attend the event. She's going to miss the Boardmembers and thanked them for being so welcoming. She wished both Boardmembers the best of luck.

Chair Field said last night event went amazing and is excited for project silhouette. last night was amazing and is excited about project silhouette. She informed the Board how lots of changes are coming and the Board did a great job on setting up a foundation for those new Boardmembers and returning Boardmembers. She thanked Larissa Fooks for great event. She also congratulated both Boardmembers.

**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Larissa thanked the board for thanking her but informed the board that that they were a part of it and contributed to hosting and connecting. Congratulated both Boardmembers on their new adventure. She thanked them both for all their work and feedback. She's excited for both and can't wait to see them both in action. She also thanked them for their patience and support.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board will adjourned at 9:08pm to its next regular meeting, which will be on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 7:00pm at Plummer Park Community Center located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2023.**

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**ANGELA DE SILVA, BOARDMEMBER**

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**AMY VALDEPENA, RECORDING SECRETARY**



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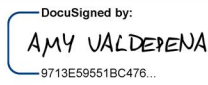
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