

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

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 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 7:09pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Read by Chair Lazarus.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chair Lazarus.
4. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Boardmember Lane, Boardmember Wilbourne,
Boardmember Elman, Chair Lazarus, Boardmember Torok,
Boardmember Shari (arrived at 7:20pm)

ABSENT: Boardmember Goode, Vice Chair Lockwood, Boardmember
de Silva,

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

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
Approval of the Meeting agenda for October 26, 2023. Motion by Chair Lazarus, seconded by Boardmember Elman and approved.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Approval of Meeting minutes for September 28, 2023. Motion by Chair Lazarus, seconded by Boardmember Torok.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

KAREN ERYES, WEST HOLLYWOOD, Vice Chair of the Human Services Commission, spoke about Boardmembers that will be attending City Council Meetings in November to provide an update during public comment on services

the city offers with Social Services agencies. November is Alzheimer awareness month she will talk about services. Later in the month is will talk about services for Transgender Awareness month. The Foundation for the AIDS monument raised money to build an AIDS monument that will be placed at West Hollywood Park in collaboration with the city. The Foundation holds a series of free events called STORIES Circle which brings community members to share stories of HIV and AIDS and how it has impacted their lives. Women's STORIES Circle will be held on Tuesday, November 7th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Barnsdall Gallery Theatre in Hollywood. December 1st is Worlds AIDS Day, and it will be three-part event, November 30th is when the city will be having its Warrior Awards, Friday evening there will be reception at the ARC's respite deck, then a candlelight procession at West Hollywood Park, followed by a free screening of the documentary of Commitment to Life at Council Chambers.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. THE TRANSDIARIES 2023

The Board received information from Karen Eyres on the upcoming performances of "The TransDiaries 2023", co-sponsored by the National Organization for Women Hollywood Chapter, to be held November 11th and 12th as part of the City's celebration of Transgender Awareness Month. This event is free and will begin at 7:30pm at the Council Chambers.

ACTION: Chair Lazarus made a motion to support "The TransDiaries 2023", seconded by Boardmember Torok.

B. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PRESENTATION

The Women's Advisory Board received a presentation from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, on the City's Legislative Priorities and reviewed the City's list of opposed/supported legislation.

Feedback is needed as soon as possible to bring to Council in January. If the Board feels that something missing, please email Hernan Molina at HMolina@weho.org or Larrisa Fooks at LFooks@weho.org.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The Board had a debriefing regarding the City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day. Staff Liaison Larissa shared pictures of both events from Flickr page. Future ideas add a point/action on where this event can lead too. Incorporating QR codes. Invite local art colleges to gain more foot traffic.

1. Women's Equality Day WEHO Take Over – August 26
2. ERA Feminist Art Show - August 27 – September 24

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed

B. HOW TO HACK BIRTH CONTROL SCREENING

The Board had debriefing regarding the recent screening event featuring the award-winning digital series by director Sassy Mohen, *How To Hack Birth Control*. Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks shared pictures from the event on Flickr.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

C. WORKPLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES

The board discussed their next meeting dates. November 16th is the next WAB meeting. Possible dates for December are 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, or 13th. The meeting will begin at 6pm.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

D. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Board discussed their ideas for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March. A report was given by the Women's History Month Subcommittee. Ideas discussed were relating it to Women in Art, Women in music, poetry, panel discussion, dance, and videos/pictures of the evolution within 30th years. Invite past Boardmembers such as Lindsey Horvath and Abbey Land, organizations such as Equal Means Equals, National Council for Jewish Women, and the Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center. An evening event on the weeknight, Thursday, or Friday at the Auto Court. Possibility of Thursday, March 28th.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed.

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E. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS

Board discussion regarding advocacy for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), which help survivors through the maze of community services available to them and uses the experiences of survivors to improve those services. Updates regarding Board recommendations.

ACTION: Review and Discuss. Consider taking action as appropriate.

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10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

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

ACTION: Designate liaisons as appropriate.

2. Report from Board liaisons to the 8th Annual Southern California Commission for Women Annual Conference convened by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women on October 2, 2023.

ACTION: Designate liaisons as appropriate.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Elman- Informed the Board that the Community Gardens of WeHo is closing this month, located on Lexington & Formosa. An inquiry of the timeline as to when the Plummer Park Garden will open. Also, who is overseeing this project.

Boardmember Lane- Offered 500 cups with Dodgers and LA Pride logo. Possibly use them as giveaways for future events.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Larissa listed the following as possible dates to conduct the WAB meeting on either December 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th, or 13th. The meeting will begin at 6pm and conclude at 9pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women’s Advisory Board adjourned at 9:12pm to its next regular meeting, which will be on November 16, 2023, at 7:00pm 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 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

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