

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 2012**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Emergency Operations Conference Room, City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

- I. CALL TO ORDER –Chair LaChine called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.
 - A. Roll Call – Board Members Coco Lachine, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Jaye Johnson, Drian Juarez, Carolyn Weiss, Maria Carmen Hinayon, and Mariana Marroquin. Also in attendance Public Safety Staff David Escobedo and Bonnie Smith
 - B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on April 25, 2012.
 - C. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Member Weiss to approve the agenda. Seconded by Member Johnson to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.
 - D. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- Motion by Member Marroquin to approve April minutes. Seconded by Member Juarez to approve April Minutes. Passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine spoke regarding EOC made the decision to protect Transgender community in employment. Congratulations to Los Angeles Human Services Commission on policy for transgender individuals adopted by LAPD. Congratulations to Chaz Bono for the person of the year award from CSW.

Member De La Cruz spoke regarding a shooting in Oakland of two transgendered women.

Member Samala spoke regarding CSW and Mayor Villaraigosa hosting a writing contest. CSW parade deadline is May 3, 2012. Member Samala also spoke regarding the LASD policies on transgender policies.

Member Marroquin spoke regarding being invited to Women's Leadership Conference, and what a great experience it was. Would like to have more transgender people at the event next year. Out fest films to be announced June 1, 2012.

ITEMS FROM STAFF (7:15)

8A. News from Staff/Calendar of Events. June 5, 2012 screening of El Fuego Dentro. A Document on the Peruvian transgender community and their efforts to fight for civil rights. Monday, May 21, 2012 City Council will do a presentation to local West Hollywood Schools. May 22, 2012 Harvey Milk event. "Got Milk", will host a panel discussion.

8B. Work plan 2012. Motion to approve Work plan. Motion by Member Weiss, seconded by Member Juarez.

8C. Staff mentioned that a new chair and vice chair will need to be elected at the next meeting.

1. NEW BUSINESS (7:17)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:25)

10A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events: Out fest, will follow up on Member Marroquin suggestion of TAB being a community collaborator of the film Wildness? TAB would like to endorse the film at Out Fest. Member Juarez made a motion to endorse the film Wildness as community collaborates. Member Hinayon seconded. Motion passed.

10B. Transgender News: Investigate the 3 deaths in the bay area. Brandy Martell was one of the victims from Oakland. Stories in the Huffington Post. MSNBC (host of the) Melissa Harris-Perry Show showcased the transgender community on her show. The White House has put out an announcement about LGBT video awards, open to all the community. (Look on website) Member Weiss to send out link to website. Mexico will not allowing transgender women in Ms. Universe. Should we consider sending a letter to the Melissa Harris Show saying how proud and happy they were about the show? Member Hinayon motion to send a letter to MSNBC thanking them and member De La Cruz seconded. Member Johnson abstained.

10C. Day of Remembrance: Member Lachine spoke concerning the auto court and the event held at the council meeting. Would the area work with the weather? Program inside the auditorium and the reception on the outside. Would like to start subcommittee meetings in July. Subcommittee needs to be set up, then a night chosen. Members Samala, Johnson, Marroquin and Juarez will be on the subcommittee. Members, Lachine and Weiss to be alternates. Twice a month starting in July, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

10D. Pride Week: Trans unity meeting they are looking for nominations for the different award groups. Clarity is needed for the event. June 15th and June 16th event dates. CSW Transgender party June 8, 2012 held at West Hollywood Park.

10E. TAB/LGAB Joint Task Force: Subcommittee about Bullying. Sue Sexton spoke on joint session meeting. Draft agenda was shared with the board. Please add health care and immigration to the agenda. Motion by Member Johnson to approve the draft agenda for the June joint meeting, seconded by Member Salama. Motion passed.

10G. International Presence: lobby display. Some members still need to send in information. Looking for photos from the last march.

10H. Business Outreach: Member Juarez and Weiss working with the Chamber of Commerce on the next Transgender 101 outreach.

10I. Awards: Member Johnson spoke concerning setting up a subcommittee meeting to discuss awards.

10J. Video history Staff spoke concerning having the city video tape and make a history of the trans community. Michelle Dennis spoke concerning some work she has done to further along the documentation of the history. Motion to look into the development of video history program. Motion by member Juarez, seconded by Member De La Cruz. Motion passes. Michelle Dennis recommends that a subcommittee be formed with the community input. Need recommendation from the community. Subcommittee comprised of Members Juarez, Johnson, De La Cruz, and Lachine.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Member Lachine spoke regarding if you have signed up to visit other commission please remember to visit those boards, and commissions.

Member Juarez spoke regarding thanking Mayor Pro Tempore Land for the Women's Leadership Conference.

Member Weiss spoke regarding a show What Would You Do? This Friday there will be a transgender actress and transgender issues on the show.

Member Johnson spoke regarding photographing May Day, and thanking Member De La Cruz for taking a stand on immigration rights.

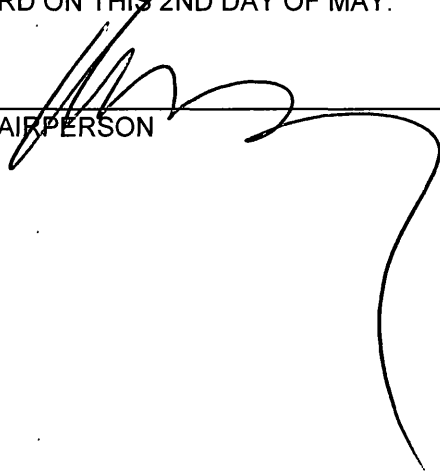
Member Samala spoke requesting an adjournment in the name of Brandy Martell.

Member Hinayon spoke regarding Philippines, a Transgender woman is running for Congress.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 6, 2012 at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON