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CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR MARCH 7, 2012

7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 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 7:04 P.M.
- A. Roll Call – Board Members Coco Lachine, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Karla Ferreira, Jaye Johnson, Drian Juarez, Carolyn Weiss, Maria Carmen Hinayon, absent 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 February 27, 2012.
 - C. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Member Samala. Seconded by Member Johnson to approve the agenda with the changes. Passed unanimously.
 - D. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes- Motion by Member Weiss. Seconded by Member Juarez to approve February 2012 minutes with amended changes. Passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Matt Palazzolo, West Hollywood Co-Chair of LGAB spoke regarding being excited about a joint taskforce between TAB and LGAB.

Larry Block, Disability Board member spoke regarding people with disability having equal access to everything. He will be the liaison between the Disability Board and the Transgender Advisory Board.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine spoke regarding attending the City Council meeting. Thanked the Council for their support of the march, and for the viewing of the art installation in Councilmember D’Amico’s office, Member La Chine also thanked the Sheriff’s for their support. Member LaChine also spoke concerning a new HUD housing ruling on LGBT rights.

Member Hinayon spoke concerning the University of the Philippines electing a transgender female to the school council.

Member De La Cruz spoke to thank the City staff, City Council members and the Sheriff station for being at the march.

II. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Weho Community Response Team Domestic Violence meeting, March 19, 2012
Denim Day April 25, 2012

III. NEW BUSINESS

9B. International Presence: lobby display. Member Hinayon spoke concerning a lobby display. Timeframe maybe pride month would be best. Maybe work with staff to get this done by June 2012.

9C. Business Outreach. Members Jaurez and Weiss are working with the City of Hollywood and West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. The West Hollywood Chamber is excited to offer a Transgender Training 101 in West Hollywood for the second time.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10A. Day of Remembrance: Need to start working on, location is the most important. Would like to view West Hollywood Park.

10B. Subcommittee about Bullying. Tabled

10C. Calendar of Transgender Special Events: Contact information for Out Fest to be provided by Member Samala. TAB would like to endorse a transgender film. Will bring the information to City Council to endorse.

10D. Pride Week: Idea's for board to be involved with during the week. Transgender reception on Friday night will be happening again. Maybe a march? Propose to give out a couple of awards at the reception. CSW would have to agree to this. Have not cleared through the CSW board yet. Maybe one group and one individual. If not at CSW reception should still consider having at some other time.

10E. TAB/LGAB Joint Task Force: Sue Sexton spoke concerning the joint task force. Two meetings have taken place. It was suggested for a joint meeting to take place in June with LGAB, to include Trans 101 training, and then issues of how our communities can work together. The board loves the idea of a joint training. Date for seconding meeting in June. Motion to proceed with a June 27, 2012 joint meeting with LGAB. Motion by Hinayon, seconded by member De La Cruz. Motion made by Member Hinayon to cancel July 4, 2012 in lieu having two meeting in June. Seconded by Member Johnson. Passed unanimously.

10F. TG sterilization laws in Sweden: Member LaChine spoke about law in Sweden that has been in place since 1972. Member LaChine has spoken to Stuart Milk head of the Harvey Milk Foundation, and also spoke to Councilmember Heilman concerning the issue. Councilmember Heilman will continue to work on this issue. Member Weiss wondered if we single out Sweden do we miss out on many nations and the US that have similar requirements? Member Hinayon made a motion for Council to pass a resolution to condemn the inhumane and discriminatory practice of sterilization of individuals in the transgender community in Sweden. Weiss voted no, Lachine abstained

Motion by Member Weiss to form a committee and make a report that is limited to laws governing sex reassignment surgery (SRS) for gender change in the United States. Motion seconded by Member Juarez, Member De La Cruz voting no, Johnson and Lachine abstained. Motion passes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Member LaChine spoke regarding having TAB members attend other boards and commissions. Staff to provide a calendar so that members can attend.

Member Juarez spoke regarding thanking the board for the support of the program in Plummer Park. 30 people attended the event.

Member Johnson spoke regarding a community forum for health access and homeless in the transgender community. Event date March 26, 2012 at 7 pm. Trans man Empowerment Group March 24, 2012 APLA 10 am to noon.

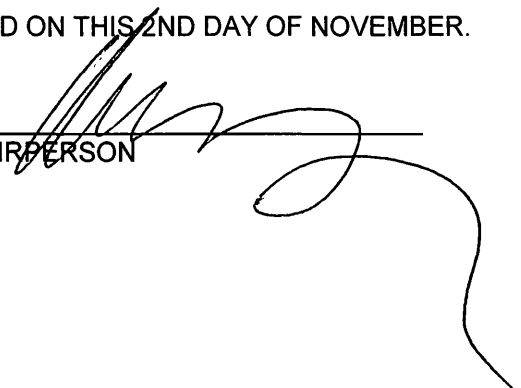
Member Ferreira spoke concerning making sure that all members of the community receive the information concerning the community forum for health access and homeless in the transgender community.

Member Samala noted that the Williams Clinic, St. Johns Hospital will be hosting a clinic March 14, 2012 with transgender service providers. Will provide an email with information.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

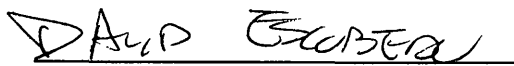
The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 4, 2012 at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON