

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Jimmy Palmieri at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Chris Clarkin, Dan Berkowitz, Bill Gordon, Rev. Pat Langlois, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, and Ruth Tittle. A quorum was present. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

II. AGENDA ITEMS

A. POSTING OF AGENDA

Staff reported that the agenda had been posted at City Hall and other locations as required.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, Item 4C (Truro Flag Issue) was deleted. The rest of the agenda was approved as presented.

C. MINUTES

Minutes of meetings from April 12 to date were approved, with members abstaining with regard to any meetings from which they were absent.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Durk Dehner of the Tom of Finland Foundation invited board members to the Erotic Art Fair, which is planned for Sept. 22-23 at West Hollywood Park. It will be preceded by a reception from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Norma Kemper, member of the Public Safety Commission, discussed the city's

emergency preparedness system, and reminded listeners to plan for disruptions expected in connection with a major earthquake, such as a need for water and food for several days.

B. GAY MEN'S HEALTH EVENT

Hernan Molina, Deputy to Mayor John Duran, said they are considering a one-day conference in April, with a reception the evening before. A committee is planning the event. Bill Gordon said he hoped efforts would be made to draw a representative group of young people to the event, and not just those who are already considered activists, because of differences in how young people view the issues being discussed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

On a motion by Chris Clarkin, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, the Advisory Board recommended approval of a resolution calling on the presidential candidates to address the epidemic use of crystal methamphetamine, and their planned responses to it, as part of their platforms. The item will be forwarded to the City Council, and if approved there, distributed to the candidates.

V. RAINBOW KEY

The Advisory Board discussed options for awarding Rainbow Keys, including monthly presentations at City Council, periodic but not monthly presentations, and a single annual event like the recent luncheon. An evaluation of these options will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

VI. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

The Advisory Board designated the following members as liaisons to various boards, commissions, and offices:

Office of Mayor John Duran – *Scott Mann*
Office of Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Prang – *Jeff Yarbrough*
Office of Councilmember Sal Guarriello – *Chris Clarkin*
Office of Councilmember John Heilman – *Elisabeth Sandberg*
Office of Councilmember Abbe Land – *Sue Sexton*
Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission – *Dan Berkowitz*
Human Services Commission – *Ruth Tittle*
Planning Commission – *Bill Gordon*
Public Facilities Commission – *Chris Clarkin*
Public Safety Commission – *Chris Clarkin*
Women's Advisory Board – *Nadia Sutton*

Transgender Task Force – *Chris Clarkin*
Lesbian Visibility Committee – *Pat Langlois*

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Chris Clarkin and Rev. Pat Langlois expect to be absent from the Oct. 11 meeting.

Nadia Sutton spoke about the City of Los Angeles Human Rights Commission’s LGBT Committee, which meets on 4th Thursdays. Advisory Board members requested that the agendas and minutes of this board be sent to that board, with a request for them to provide the same on a regular basis. The same was requested with regard to the equivalent board or committee of Los Angeles County.

Ruth Tittle discussed social services contract renewals.

Bill Gordon discussed the forthcoming film, “For the Bible Tells Me So,” which was placed on the agenda for Oct. 11, for consideration of a possible screening or sponsorship.

Rev. Pat Langlois spoke about equal marriage legislation and a pending rally.

Chris Clarkin spoke about the American Democracy Institute and California Youth Summit.

Jimmy Palmieri requested that a review of where things stand with regard to same-sex marriage be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

A report on propositions for the Feb. 5, 2008, ballot will be distributed.

The Rainbow Key award to Charlie Matula, Hunter Fox, and Vince Quattrocchi of Eagle L.A. will be on Sept. 17.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 11, 2007, in the Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.