

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – AUGUST 30, 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-Chais Ivy Bottini and Chris Clarkin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 30, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood. The meeting had been postponed from August 9.

Members Present: Ivy Bottini, Chris Clarkin, Rev. Pat Langlois, Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Nadia Sutton, and Ruth Tittle. Jeff Yarbrough joined the meeting in progress. A quorum was present. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

II. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER

Rev. Pat Langlois repeated the oath required of new members, and was installed and welcomed by the Advisory Board.

III. 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 6B (Truro Flag Issue) was postponed until Sept. 13. The rest of the agenda was approved as presented.

C. MINUTES

Minutes were carried over until Sept. 13.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Roz Helfand spoke about the West Hollywood Book Fair, which will be held Sunday,

Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in West Hollywood Park.

Stephen Jiménez, Project 10 specialist with L.A. Unified School District, spoke about his work assisting the formation of gay-straight alliance clubs, and said he was available as a resource on education-related issues.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CONGRESS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The annual Congress of Boards and Commissions will be held Saturday, Oct. 13. Jeff Yarbrough, Chris Clarkin, and Dan Berkowitz were designated to prepare the Advisory Board's report, which the City Clerk requests be submitted by Sept. 17. Ivy Bottini and another board member will present the report at the meeting.

B. LESBIAN HEALTH

Without objection, Item 6E (Informational Health Packets) was combined with this item. Ivy Bottini said she hopes that informational cards similar to those distributed with condom packets can be developed regarding women's health, to be distributed in packets intended for women.

Ivy Bottini moved, and Jimmy Palmieri seconded, to pursue this by asking staff to develop such a card and adopt distribution procedures for it. This was adopted. A Social Services staff member will be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting regarding this. Ivy Bottini, Ruth Tittle, Nadia Sutton, and Rev. Pat Langlois were designated as a committee to pursue this.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FDA SCIENTIFIC FAIRNESS FOR WOMEN ACT

Ivy Bottini moved to endorse 110 HR 2503 (De Lauro), the FDA Scientific Fairness for Women Act, which would amend the law on regulation of breast implants, and create a scientific workshop on emergency contraception by women under 18; to request the City Council to endorse it as well; to notify Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Rep. Henry Waxman and other members of the California delegation; and to send information about the issue and request support from the Women's Advisory Board, Disability Advisory Board, National Council of Jewish Women, National Organization for Women, and Human Services Commission. This was seconded by Jimmy Palmieri, and approved.

Jeff Yarbrough joined the meeting in progress during this item, and abstained from the vote due to not being present for the entire discussion.

B. TRURO FLAG ISSUE

The item was postponed until Sept. 13.

C. FILM SCREENING

Stephen Jiménez, Scott Bloom, and Larry Diamond discussed “Call Me Troy,” a new film about the life of Rev. Troy D. Perry. Ruth Tittle moved to support and co-sponsor a screening of the film which will be a benefit for GALAA, MCC Tribe, and LifeWorks Mentoring, and to support the filmmakers’ request to secure the Pacific Design Center, DGA, or other appropriate venue, with a follow-up meeting at West Hollywood Park or other appropriate venue. This was seconded by Scott Mann and approved.

D. DENTAL DAMS – 8:00 p.m.

Jimmy Palmieri reported that two cases of dental dams were distributed at CSW, and another at the Dyke March. Ivy Bottini said she would like to see these included in the health packet targeted for women and distributed at women’s bars, and to ask Social Services to discuss availability, costs, and possible partners for such distribution. Without objection, this will be included in the request for information to Social Services.

E. INFORMATIONAL HEALTH PACKETS – 8:10 p.m.

The item was combined with V.B, earlier in the meeting.

VII. RAINBOW KEY

Nadia Sutton recommended PFLAG leader Steve Krantz. A background form will be completed for future consideration.

Without objection, Vince Quattrocchi was added to the Rainbow Key previously approved for Charlie Matula and Hunter Fox of Eagle LA. This award is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 17.

VIII. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Ruth Tittle asked if these positions should be rotated. A list of current liaisons and committees will be prepared, for consideration of rotation.

Jimmy Palmieri spoke about the youth services provider roundtable, which will now be held quarterly.

Scott Mann said he and Jimmy Palmieri are on the men’s health forum committee

working with Mayor Duran's office.

Scott Mann spoke about Councilmember Prang's concern about possible lack of LGBT sensitivity at Los Angeles County juvenile detention centers. Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, and Chris Clarkin will follow up with Josh Kurpies, in anticipation of asking someone from the Sheriff's Department to address this at an upcoming meeting.

IX. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS

Scott Mann nominated Chris Clarkin for male co-chair. Ruth Tittle nominated Jimmy Palmieri. Chris Clarkin declined the nomination, and in the absence of further nominations, a motion to close nominations and declare Jimmy Palmieri elected was approved unanimously.

Nadia Sutton nominated Ivy Bottini. In the absence of further nominations, a motion to close nominations and declare Ivy Bottini elected was approved unanimously.

X. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Nadia Sutton there is a gay and lesbian advisory board for the City of Los Angeles, and LGAB members are invited to attend.

Nadia Sutton discussed the fire at Mickey's on Santa Monica Blvd., and suggested sending a message of concern and support to the owner. There was no objection.

Elisabeth Sandberg said she noticed the Mature Drivers program at the Sheriff's office uses the term "spouse," which may be taken as gender-specific. Staff will talk to Public Safety staff to convey this concern.

Jimmy Palmieri thanked all those who attended the "Tweakers" screening.

Ruth Tittle said how important it is to educate youth about history and the importance of elders, as the makers of the Troy Perry film are doing.

XI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. in memory of Yolanda Retter, librarian and archivist, who was a Rainbow Key recipient at the luncheon this year.

The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 2007, in the Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.