

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2006**  
**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 Chris Clarkin at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Chris Clarkin, Marian Jones, Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, Ruth Tittle, and Jeff Yarbrough. Not Present: Bill Gordon. A quorum was present. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

B. POSTING OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

D. MINUTES

Minutes were deferred.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Steven Golightly of the Public Facilities Commission spoke about an AIDS memorial and gay and lesbian museum, which he had discussed with the Advisory Board co-chairs. These ideas were brought up to the Public Facilities Commission at their meeting this month, where there was support provided they did not dilute the impact of other memorials in the city, and did not dilute fundraising for the library. Sam Baxter, the facilities and landscape manager, will attend a future meeting to discuss more about the city process.

Grigoriy Adlivankin of the Russian Advisory Board reported that this group liked the idea of a joint project regarding Tchaikovsky, and will be working with this board on a date.

### III. RAINBOW KEY

Marian Jones nominated Yolanda Retter, librarian of the Chicano Studies Resource Center Library and Archive at UCLA. This was seconded by Chris Clarkin and approved.

Pending Rainbow Keys include Linda Garnett, Robin Tyler, and Yolanda Retter. Elisabeth Sandberg suggested having the Rainbow Key recipients in the Pride Parade.

### IV. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Elisabeth Sandberg provided a written report on meeting with Mayor Heilman's office.

Dan Berkowitz attended the November meeting of the Public Safety Commission and is working with staff member Rich Ryan.

Jimmy Palmieri discussed the youth subcommittee, needs of the Jeff Griffith Youth Center, and a budget handout regarding CITY X.1. He also reported on the Disabilities Advisory Board.

Nadia Sutton discussed a report on homeless gay and lesbian youth.

The Women's Advisory Board is working on a Women's Leadership Conference for 2007, looking forward to Women's History Month and the 40th anniversary of the founding of NOW, and supporting an upcoming performance of "The Vagina Monologues" at the Pacific Design Center.

Ruth Tittle attended the Human Services Commission, which elected Chuck Henry to replace Peter Mackler as vice chair, and discussed funding for the transgender program at the Gay & Lesbian Center.

Sue Sexton met with Lisa Belsanti of Abbe Land's office and discussed lesbian visibility topics. A comedy night is being planned.

Jeff Yarbrough is working with Jeff Prang's office. He discussed the GLASS holiday brunch on Dec. 17, the Club Freedom event for New Year's Eve, and suggested Kathy Griffin be considered for a Rainbow Key.

Scott Mann is working with John Duran's office, and will meet with Hernan Molina in January.

Marian Jones, working with the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission, attended a performance art workshop. They are looking at developing shared rehearsal space.

Chris Clarkin attended youth-based events, and the transgender task force. Club Freedom is moving to The Village this year, instead of being adjacent to West Hollywood Park. The chairs meeting provided updates on city events and businesses.

Ivy Bottini said she has had a very positive reception from people regarding the concept of a gay and lesbian museum. She also spoke in Long Beach regarding the Center's recent ad campaign.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE

The issue was tabled to January.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING COSTCO

Leo Terrell addressed the Advisory Board regarding allegations of orientation-based discrimination and harassment at Costco, and showed a videotape of a company training exercise that is the basis of a complaint.

Jimmy Palmieri recommended contacting Costco and asking them what actions are being taken in response to the complaints. The Advisory Board decided to invite representatives from Costco to address an upcoming meeting.

B. REV. NEIL THOMAS

Jimmy Palmieri moved to issue a letter of commendation to Rev. Neil Thomas for his openness to youth and youth groups using the facilities of the Metropolitan Community Church. This was seconded by Chris Clarkin and approved. Ruth Tittle noted the possible sale of one or more buildings owned by MCC on Santa Monica Boulevard.

C. AIDS MEMORIAL

Sam Baxter will address the next meeting on city procedures in this regard. Ivy Bottini reported on support from Brad Burlingame, and has been visiting smaller museums for ideas. The item was carried over to next month.

D. FAMILY ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board discussed the potential for a Family Advisory Board to bring issues of concern to families to the attention of the City Council. The Advisory

Board decided to invite Daphne Dennis, Social Services Administrator, to address an upcoming meeting regarding gaps in services to families.

E. YOUTH ROUNDTABLE

Ivy Bottini discussed the possibility of a Youth Advisory Board, focusing on persons 24 and younger. Staff will research what rules would exist for who could serve on such a subcommittee, or other city policies in this regard.

Jimmy Palmieri reported there is interest in having a Youth Roundtable meeting involving agencies that provide services to youth in West Hollywood, such as GLASS, the Trevor Project, the Jeff Griffith Youth Center, and CITY X.1. Supporting the meeting was moved by Jimmy Palmieri, seconded by Chris Clarkin, and approved.

The topic of standards for approval and accountability for events seeking the Advisory Board's endorsement was placed on the agenda for future discussion.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Jimmy Palmieri discussed the Orange Vial program for medical information.

Chris Clarkin discussed the pamphlet "Hooking Up Online: The Basics," an item from the Gay & Lesbian Center.

Ruth Tittle discussed the pre-application process for Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing.

Nadia Sutton reminded people to be careful about animals over the holidays.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Jeff Book said Lloyd Long, Director of Human Services, suggested that his budget would cover the first event planned by the Advisory Board for the new year. A subcommittee from the Advisory Board will meet with him to discuss plans for this event and others.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.