

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2005
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL AND INSTALLATION

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-chair Jeff Yarbrough at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2005, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Marian Jones, Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Susan Sexton, Ruth Title, Jeff Yarbrough. A quorum was present at all times. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

B. POSTING OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Advisory Board amended the agenda by adding Item V. B., regarding Ford Motor Company's advertising policies, as an urgency item, determining that a need for action prior to the next meeting exists, and that the need for the item arose after the preparation of the agenda. The agenda was then adopted as amended.

D. MINUTES

Minutes are being prepared and will be submitted to an upcoming meeting.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no public comment.

III. RAINBOW KEY NOMINATIONS

There were no nominations for Rainbow Keys.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. C.I.T.Y.x1 REPORT

Jimmy Palmieri provided an update on the C.I.T.Y.x1 program, including a memo from Carlos Sosa.

B. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

1. Legislative

There was no report.

2. Lesbian Visibility

Sue Sexton reported there will be a committee meeting this Thursday.

3. LGBT Youth

Jimmy Palmieri informed the Advisory Board about a request for supplies from the Jeff Griffith Youth Center.

4. Rapid Response Issues Team

A meeting was held regarding emergency preparations in the gay and lesbian community. The committee will present further information for an upcoming meeting.

5. Lesbian and Gay Health Issues

Two new items for the committee include how to best explain the Medicare Part D benefit, and issues raised by the advent of seven new distribution points for medical marijuana in West Hollywood.

6. Chairs Meeting

No additional report.

7. Christopher Street West

No additional report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. LIFEWORKS MENTORING

Michael Ferrare and Garrison Smith presented information about LifeWorks Mentoring, a program which educates and encourages youth ages 14 to 24. The program is not intended to duplicate existing services, but to focus on non-crisis-based support and empowerment. Mentors and youth make a minimum one-year commitment to the program, which complies with guidelines for mentoring programs, and requires a 15-hour training program for new mentors. The program focuses on health, education, housing, vocation, and community.

B. FORD MOTOR COMPANY

The Advisory Board discussed reports that Ford Motor Company is altering its advertising policies in response to criticism from the American Family Association, headed by Donald Wildmon.

Jimmy Palmieri moved to endorse a statement calling on Ford to revisit this and restate its commitment to treating customers equally. This was seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg and approved.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Jimmy Palmieri noted that his columns have been picked up as far away as South Africa.

Ruth Tittle mentioned the Do Not Call database for cell phones, at 888-382-1222.

Sue Sexton attended an awards program that featured actress-producer Marla Gibbs.

Jeff Yarbrough discussed news reports about a “crackdown on public sex” in West Hollywood.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2006, in the Community Conference Room.