

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 2013**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2013
EOC City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

CALL TO ORDER –Chair Juarez called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

- A. Roll Call – Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Carolyn Weiss, Mariana Marroquin, Karina Samala, Maria Carmen Hinayon, Coco LaChine, Erika De La Cruz, and E. Jay Johnson
Board Members absent: Karla Ferreir
Also in attendance: David Escobedo, Public Safety Division.
- B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on February 27, 2013.
- C. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Member Weiss to approve agenda. Seconded by Member Marroquin. Motion approved .
- D. Approval of Minutes - Motion by Member LaChina to approve minutes with amendments. Seconded by Member De La Cruz. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Women's Advisory Board Member Martinez spoke regarding the events occurring the Women's History Month.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine congratulated Councilmember Duran and Council Prang on their re-elections. Member LaChine spoke on the film festival as part of Outfest in May

Member Weiss spoke regarding a recent California State Assembly Bill that would allow transgender children to use the gender appropriate bathroom.

Member Samala also congratulated the re-election of Councilmember Duran and Prang. Member spoke on the Transgender Working Group working with LAPD regarding using condoms as evidence in prostitution cases.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

8A. Items from Staff:

Staff spoke on Transgender Sensitivity Training for poll workers.

Staff also highlighted events which may be of interested to the Transgender Advisory Board.

8B. Hate Crime Report

Marshal Wong spoke on 2011 statistics in Hate Crimes in Los Angeles.

Riku Matsuda spoke on specific incidents and trends which relate directly to the Transgender Advisory Board.

Member LaChine requested that councilmembers be provided a copy of the 2011 Hate Crime Report.

Marshal Wong clarified that most reports come from law enforcement agencies and civil right organizations. Marshal Wong spoke regarded training and

uniformity of Hate Crime Reports. Riku Matsuda spoke on reaching out to smaller agencies which have more autonomy and aren't required to report.

Marshal Wong spoke on the difference between Hate Speech and Hate Crimes.

Riku Matsuda spoke regarding the possibility of duplication, and the checks and balances which prevent this.

Marshal Wong spoke on different elements that contribute to people declining to report Hate Crimes

Marshal Wong spoke regarding that Hate Incidents are not recorded in this report.

Member Weiss spoke regarding the abilities of our speakers to lobby the Department of Justice and how they record transgender hate crimes as a separate category, which would influence uniformity in reporting.

Staff offered to act as a liaison for Marshal Wong to give Hate Crime Reports to any other advisory boards or commissions. Staff also spoke on the recording of Hate Incidents in West Hollywood.

Marshal Wong elaborated on the function of recording Hate Incidents and further detailed the benefit of this.

Riku Matsuda spoke on the benefit of recording Hate Incidents.

Member Marroquin thanked Riku Matsuda and Marshal Wong for their reporting.

NEW BUSINESS

9A. Review of Transgender Resource Guide

Member LaChine asked if St. Johns and Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Teams, and Minority AIDS Project could be added to the brochure.

Member Hinayon spoke that Bet Tzedek could be added to Legal Services.

Member LaChine spoke regarding the distribution of the Transgender Resource Guide

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events:

Member Marroquin put forth a motion that the TAB sponsor the "Lovely Bouquet of Flowers." Seconded by Member Johnson. Member LaChine offered a friendly amendment that the TAB endorse and rather than sponsor. Friendly amendment accepted. Passed unanimously.

10B. Transgender News: none.

10C. Day of Remembrance: to be placed as a subgroup in Trans-Awareness Month.

10D. Video History:

Member Johnson spoke regarding the status of this project. Member Johnson spoke that all technical people will be trained to use the city's facilities for filming. Member Johnson asked for help getting subjects to interview.

Member LaChine spoke regarding highlighting the senior members of our community.

10E. TAB/LGBT Subcommittee: none.

10F. Business Outreach:

Chair Juarez spoke about a Transgender 101 training that took place at the West Hollywood Library.

Member Hinayon spoke regarding the Hate Crimes occurring, the third highest location occurred in businesses.

Member LaChine requested to attend the next business outreach.

10G. Awards:

Member LaChine spoke on possibly honoring the director of the transgender documentary that will be highlighted during Pride in June of this year.

Member Johnson spoke regarding the director Dante Allencaster being honored an award. Member Johnson detailed the director incurring personal expenses and how honoring an ally of the transgender community is a productive message.

Member LaChine motioned that the TAB honor Dante Allencaster, director of "Bamby's Story." Seconded by Member Marroquin. Member De La Cruz clarify that this honor is for the breadth of his involvement, not specifically the movie "Bamby's Story."

Member LaChine motioned that the City Council give a commendation to Dante Allencaster. Seconded by Member Johnson. Passed with Member Hinayon abstaining.

10H. Use of Rooms for Production:

Staff updated as to training and difficulty of reserving rooms due to the new software and Recreation Divisions of requirements.

10J. Trans-Awareness Month:

Member Hinayon put forth a motion asking city council making Trans-Awareness Month perpetually be celebrated in November. Seconded by Member Johnson. Passed unanimously.

10K. CBS/CSI:

Staff updated the TAB as to the action taken by city council.

Member LaChine spoke on contacting Gay Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and informing them that the TAB is available as consultant, as GLAAD is typically the resource that most production companies utilize. Member LaChine also spoke on inviting members of GLAAD to the next TAB meeting

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Member Weiss spoke regarding a newly discovered comet.

Member Hinayon spoke on the Transgender Legal Clinic held at Plummer Park and its success.

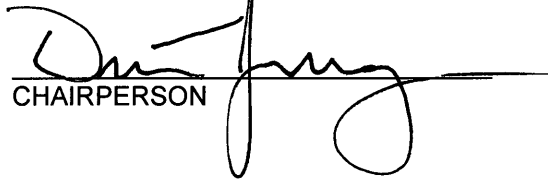
Member LaChine spoke on her 20th Anniversary as Empress and this will cause her to miss the next TAB Meeting.

Member Johnson spoke on his fraternity and its successful additional membership.

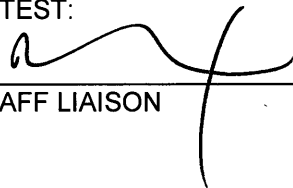
ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:10pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at West Hollywood City Hall, in the EOC.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 3rd of April.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON