

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2012**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, November 7, 2012
Council Chambers,
625 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood**

- I. CALL TO ORDER —Chair Juarez called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
- A. Roll Call – Board Members Drian Juarez, Coco Lachine, Karina Samala, Carolyn Weiss, Maria Carmen Hinayon, Mariana Marroquin, Karla Ferreira and Erika De La Cruz. Also in attendance, Public Safety Staff David Escobedo and Bonnie Smith. Absent board member E. Jaye Johnson
 - B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on October 24, 2012.
 - C. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Member La Chine to approve agenda. Seconded by Member De La Cruz. Passed unanimously.
 - D. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- Motion by Member Samala to approve minutes. Seconded by Member Lachine, with corrections.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Christopher Street West (CSW) was given an award for all their assistance the agency has given to the Transgender community.

Member Juarez also thanked Member Johnson for providing the award for the presentation to Christopher Street West.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Prang spoke regarding being proud of the board and being able to share with the community here in West Hollywood and many other places. The Transgender Advisory Board is the only board of its kind in the United States.

Desiree Jade Sol, West Hollywood Public Safety Commissioner, spoke regarding public safety commission meetings and thanking Member Juarez for attending the public safety commission and sharing information on Day of Remembrance (DOR). She also spoke concerning the LAPD LGBT forum being held in Los Angeles tomorrow.

Sam Borelli, West Hollywood Public Safety Commissioner, spoke regarding thanking the board for their hard work. Thanked Mayor Prang for his help in forming the board. Thanked the board for honoring CSW.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine spoke regarding being proud of the Transgender flag being flown in the City. Spoke concerning Maine passing the same sex marriage. Spoke on her joy that the City does support the transgender community not just in words but also in action. Spoke regarding the Transgender Memorial only one we know of. Also spoke of the support of the Sheriff's Department in the city. Spoke on being grateful for the City's support. Spoke regarding the support of the condemnation of discrimination of transgender members globally.

Member Hinayon spoke regarding thanked the City, and staff. Spoke regarding joy at the election results. Thanked CSW for support of the community not only at the event but also at the board level.

Member Juarez spoke concerning how proud she is to be here and to actually effect change that she is honored to be the chair of the TAB. Spoke regarding the start of the taskforce

and where the board has gone since then. Trans people have arrived and their ideas are important. Member Juarez thanked the former and present board and task force members. Member Juarez spoke concerning the DOR event, and invited all to attend. Thanked the City for flying the Transgender Flag.

Member Samala thanked Mayor Prang for his support of the community and being a mentor to her. She spoke concerning the LAGT meeting being moved to 1st street. There will be an update on jail policies and also training of officers. Member Samala also thanked people for coming to the board meeting... Also spoke concerning Queen of the Universe and thanked the judges who worked the event.

Member Weiss spoke on being thankful of being able to be on the board and all that she has learned. Thanked the council and staff for all the support of the board. Thanked the West Hollywood Businesses owners that she is working with.

Member De La Cruz spoke regarding being proud to be a part of the community. Thanked the staff.

Member Feirra thanked the council and expressed her gratitude for being on the board. Happy to be part of the community. Thanked Member Samala for her past event.

Member Marroquin thanked the City, spoke of the love the city provides. Happy to be part of the community a place to call home. Happy to give back to the community.

ITEMS FROM STAFF (7:15)

8A. News from Staff/Calendar of Events:
Staff went over events on the City Calendar.

Staff spoke on DOR and ethics training requirements of the board.

NEW BUSINESS (7:17)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:25)

10A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events

Member Hinyon asked about Trans 101. Staff reported that all members are asked to attend a commission meeting.

10B. Transgender News

None.

10C. Day of Remembrance

Member Marroquin spoke regarding DOR.

10E .Video history

No Update

10F. TAB/LGAB Subcommittee: Update

No Update

10G. Business Outreach

No Update

10H. Awards

Awards committee still has not met.

10I. Use of Rooms for Production

Staff spoke on the issue of different groups asking for different rooms. Need to be a 501 c and also have some relation to the community we serve. Item was added to the next agenda.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Member LaChine spoke regarding, City 1 X Thanksgiving Dinner for youth.

Member Hinayon spoke regarding the lobby display that is up at City Hall. Member Hinayon spoke concerning Fernanda Milan.

Member Juarez spoke regarding thanking the council, and also spoke on working with the social services division on a Transgender Resource guide. The guide should be available on November 20, 2012.

Member Samala spoke regarding event November 10 Annual Snow Queen and Snow King held at the Palms.

Member De La Cruz spoke regarding congratulations of her placement on Queen of the Universe and for all of Member Samala work with the pageant.

Member Marroquin spoke regarding letting people know that the City, and the City of Los Angeles are available to help community

Member Feirra spoke on an event hosted by Beinastar on Sunday, November 18, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting is a scheduled joint meeting to be held on Wednesday December 5, 2012 at the West Hollywood Public Library, in the EOC of City of West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 5th of DECEMBER.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON