

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2014**  
**LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

A. **ROLL CALL**

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Robert Gamboa at 7:05 pm, Thursday, June 12, 2014, in the Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottini, Paul Chavez, Robert Gamboa, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Amy Ruskin, Elisabeth Sandberg, Ruth Tittle, Jeffrey Waack, Laura Wise

Not Present: None

A quorum was present at all times. Also present was Jeff Book, staff liaison, and Mike Che, Cultural Affairs Coordinator. Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, joined the meeting in progress.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

C. **REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Staff reported the agenda had been posted as required.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Enrique Reveles.

E. **MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2014**

The minutes of the May 8, 2014, meeting were approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Enrique Reveles.

F. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Staff request that the meeting be adjourned in memory of F. Gary Augeri, former Human Services Commissioner.

Robert Gamboa requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Edna Flores-Lagunte, who passed away during the AIDS LifeCycle ride, and in memory of Shariar Ebrahimi, who was found dead in a vehicle in the city. He also asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of all those lost to AIDS, and in giving hope to those still living with HIV.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Che spoke about Pride Month activities, including the LA PRIDE parade and Festival, which was held last weekend. "Ivy," a play about Ivy Bottini, will be presented on June 22 at the Council Chambers. He said attendance at One City One Pride events has been good. Free theatre presentations will begin in the parks in July, and later in the summer applications will be available for 2015 One City One Pride.

Lee Walkup spoke about AIDS LifeCycle which raised a record \$15.1 million, and included Congressman Adam Schiff, who represents West Hollywood. He spoke about the City's budget process and drew attention to an HBO presentation on Prop 8.

## III. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES

Elisabeth Sandberg said there will not be a Book Fair this year, but the City is presenting a "West Hollywood Reads" project instead.

Robert Gamboa said the Human Services Commission received the mid-year report from social services agencies.

## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. REVIEW OF #SIZZLE! AND TEST KITCHEN

Robert Gamboa and Matt Palazzolo, respectively, said these projects, which the Advisory Board had recommended for funding, were very well received at the LA PRIDE festival. Elisabeth Sandberg said the music at the festival was too loud, and said it seemed she had not received as much information about the Dyke March as in previous years.

### B. RAINBOW KEY

The Advisory Board continued making final plans for the Rainbow Key presentation, which is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. Catering will be by Heirloom LA, with additional expenditures for award fabrication, photography, flowers, and related aspects of the event.

### C. UTILITY BOXES

Elizabeth Savage presented photographs and discussion of the two utility boxes that were wrapped on June 6, completing a project initiated by the Advisory Board. They are on Santa Monica Blvd. at Kings Road, and at La Cienega Blvd. Board members said reactions they have heard were very favorable.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### A. BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

The Advisory Board discussed developments at the Beverly Hills Hotel, which like the Hotel Bel-Air is owned by the Dorchester Collection, which is owned in

turn by entities answering to the Sultan of Brunei. The Sultan recently permitted a law instituting the death penalty for homosexuality to go into effect. Copies of the City Council's resolution calling for a boycott of the Beverly Hills Hotel were distributed.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Members made note that there hasn't yet been an application to serve as Youth Member of the Advisory Board.

Elisabeth Sandberg said the lesbian conference planned for June 21 has been cancelled. She also recommended seeing the new mural at the Wells Fargo next to the Ramada on Santa Monica Boulevard, which includes images of Ivy Bottini and Jeanne Cordova. She asked about Trans Pride L.A.

Ivy Bottini invited the Advisory Board to attend the staged reading of a new play, "Ivy," at the Council Chambers on June 22.

Robert Gamboa spoke about the upcoming Rainbow Keys, and about participating in AIDS LifeCycle. He thanked the Advisory Board for its support of #SIZZLE! and Test Kitchen, and thanked staff.

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new agenda items were raised at this time.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Elizabeth Savage spoke about the City's float in the PRIDE parade, which included a ramp for accessibility this year. She also distributed small City flags, and asked the Board to discuss in April 2015 how they would like to participate in 2015 PRIDE.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Block spoke about Robert Gamboa's participation in AIDS LifeCycle; about LA PRIDE, and about Mayor John D'Amico's LGBT mayor summit, which he hoped would continue in future years, or which could be organized by the Advisory Board, as well.

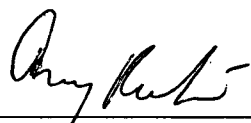
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm in memory of F. Gary Augeri, Edna Flores-Lagunte, Shariar Ebrahimi, and all those lost to AIDS. The meeting was also adjourned in giving hope to those still living with HIV.

Signed,



Robert Gamboa, Co-Chair



Amy Ruskin, Co-Chair