

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2014
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

CALL TO ORDER –Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Member Weiss.

ROLL CALL – Board Members present: Jaye Johnson, Carolyn Weiss, Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Coco LaChine, Maria Carmen Hinayon. Also present: Tatiana Rodzinek, Russian Community Outreach Coordinator, Public Safety Department. Absent Mariana Marroquin, Maria Roman, Erika De La Cruz.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion to approve by Member Karina Samala. Seconded by Member Drian Juarez. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approval of minutes was tabled till the next meeting as the proposed changes by vice-chair Lachine were not included into the final version.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Weiss commented that at one of the public meetings a gentleman was removed from the meeting as he refused to say the pledge of allegiance. Member Weiss also mentioned that she hoped that it would never happen at their meetings.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

Tatiana Rodzinek reminded the board members regarding the upcoming Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions and Ethics training

NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Vice Chair LaChine said that the person who was invited to speak about Senior issues in the community didn't come

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10A. Trans Awareness Month/DOR

Vice Chair LaChine went over the Calendar of Events for Transgender Awareness Month, which is November 2014.

Transgender Awareness Month Official Kick-Off

Member Weiss made a motion to invite a minister to officiate at the kick of the DOR press conference.

Vice Chair LaChine seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. Member Hinayon made a friendly amendment to the motion to call the person who will be officiating at the press conference a spiritual leader. All members were in favor of the amendment.

Transgender advisory board monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 12

10.B. Awards: Member Roman made the motion to extend the award decision to next month. Motion failed. Vote was taken to award Williams Institute and Sandra Ramirez from San Diego. Member LaChine spoke about the awards that will be given at the monthly meetings on November 12. These special recognition awards will go to Ms. Sandra Ramires, Williams Institute and to the person that was nominated by Mariana Marroquin. Chair Johnson made a motion to consider nomination presented by Member Marroquin in October. Vice Chair Lanchine seconded.

Member Hinayon requested staff to e-mail the nomination submitted by member Marroquin.

Chair Johnson spoke about Transgender Wellness and Wellbeing Conference event that is being planned for Saturday, November 15 and said that information on the event will be updated on the webpage.

10.C. Business Outreach:

Transgender Economic Empowerment Job & Resource Fair

Member Juarez spoke about the Job Fair and business outreach

10.D. Transgender/Drag Community Joint Event: Tabled to December

10.E. Trans Experience LA:

At the previous meeting the board discussed presenting awards to Shirley Bushnell and Masen Davis. Vice Chair Lachine said that the mayor's office suggested that the board present a golden key award at his event, she also spoke about screening a documentary.

Vice Chair Lachine made a motion to give golden key awards to Shirley Bushnell and Masen Davis at Trans Experience LA event on Saturday, November 8.

Member Juarez seconded.

All voted in favor.

10.F.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Member LaChine said that at the last meeting the board discussed having a short candlelight vigil. The board unanimously voted to have it. Member LaChine also spoke about the art for the postcard which they will have to approve at the next meeting as they don't have it ready yet. She also said that the Transient Art exhibit should be removed from the program.

Member Johnson made a motion to approve the language of the postcard. Member LaChine seconded and requested that staff should e-mail the postcard artwork to the members.

Member LaChine also spoke about the proposed route for the candlelight and distributed the information. Member Johnson made a motion to approve the proposed route. Member Juarez seconded. All members voted in favor.

Member LaChine said that if any agencies would be willing to donate candles and other accessories for the vigil, the board would accept the offer.

Member Hinayon made a motion to send out a letter to businesses asking them to display transgender flags in their stores.

Member LaChine seconded. Member Juarez asked spoke about writing a letter. Vice Chair Lanchine suggested that the board members provide flags to businesses.

Member Juarez spoke about making color copies of the flags and providing them to businesses.

Maria Carmen said that she would draft a letter and e-mail it to Chair Johnson.

Chair Johnson suggested that the board use electronic candles for the march for safety reasons.

Member Juarez suggested that the board invites Congressman Adam Schiff as a guest speaker.

Other board members discussed other ideas for the guest speaker:

Member Hinayon said that it would be interesting to explore a different angle of relationship in transgender community: Employer vs. Employee; Child vs. Parent.

Vice Chair LaChine requested that the board limits the number of politicians presenters, she also spoke about the length of the program that will include the march

Chair Johnson said that the board doesn't have any confirmed candidates and made a motion to postpone the discussion till the next meeting when the board members have any confirmed candidates.

Maria Carmen seconded the motion.

10.G. Transgender News: Member Weiss spoke about the CNN programming that will feature the Trans Navy Seal. She also spoke concerning Baltimore and Detroit cases.

Maria Carmen spoke about the ban in the military on transgender people

10. H. Member Weiss spoke about the Day of Action and the literature that will be available for display. She also spoke regarding the Trans Day of Action, which should be a stand alone event

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chandi Moore, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the Trans Forum with medical professionals that will take place on September 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher Argyres, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the Trans Day of Action. Christopher also spoke about the DOR and expressed his concerns regarding reading the names during the event, which should be more about honoring the life of the people rather than providing violent descriptions of the killings.

Michelle Dennis, resident of Los Angeles, spoke about the CNN programming featuring a story about The Trans Navy Seal.

Michelle also suggested that the board might consider using a free cell phone application a candle instead of spending money on purchasing real candles or electronic ones

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, spoke about the person killed at the crosswalk in West Hollywood and asked the board members to sign a petition when it will be circulating. Mr. Block also said that his business is willing to display a flag in their store and contribute by donating flags to others.

Bamby Salsedo, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the National Advocacy organization that will be doing a fundraising event on September 27 that will feature transgender members as high fashion models. She asked the TAB members to become community partners of this event.

Desiree Sol, resident of West Hollywood, complimented the work of the board and said that PIO of the City of West Hollywood will acknowledge the event. Ms. Sol also wished the board to have a safe and successful march.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Juarez thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

Member Lachine thanked the members from the public for attending the meeting.

Member Hinayon thanked the members for their input and productive meeting.
Chair Johnson thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Chair Johnson suggested that item 9. A. is removed from the next meeting agenda. Mr. Johnson also said that item 10. E. should also be removed. Items 10.C; 10.D; 10.H; should remain on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned in memory of Clinton Bounds and Andrew Cray with a moment of silence at 8:40 p.m.

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to their next meeting on October 1, 2014, at the West Hollywood Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, in Rooms 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 3d DAY OF SEPTEMBER.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON