

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 2014  
City Council Chambers  
625 San Vicente Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Member Weiss.

**ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Carolyn Weiss, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Coco Lachine, Mariana Marroquin, E. Jaye Johnson. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor and David Escobedo, Staff Assistant, Public Safety Department. Absent: Maria Roman and Maria Carmen Hinayon. Maria Carmen Hinayon arrived at 7:24PM.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Motion to approve by Member Lachine. Seconded by Member Marroquin. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve by Member De La Cruz. Seconded by Member Marroquin. Motion approved. Abstained Member Weiss

**AWARDS** – Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman thanked the Transgender Advisory Board for their hard work for the community and being a role model for all boards and commission. Councilmember Land and Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman proclaimed the month of November as Transgender Awareness Month

Member Marroquin introduced the first recipient of the Transgender Special Recognition Award, Friends Community Center Program: TransAction.

Member De Le Cruz introduced the next recipient of the Transgender Special Recognition Award, Ms. Sandra Ramirez.

Vice Chair LaChine introduced the next recipient of the Transgender Special Recognition Award, The Williams Institute.

Member Juarez introduced the first recipient of the Key to The City, Shirley Bushnell.

Chair Johnson introduced the next recipient of the Key to the City, Masen Davis.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mikel Gerle, City of West spoke regarding campaigning for a seat on the City of West Hollywood Council. Mr. Gerle also thanked all the awardees for their work.

Mocko Failey, Los Angeles spoke regarding the LGBT Partner Violence Program Service Center, Ms. Failey thanked the City of West Hollywood and the Board for their work with the Transgender Community.

Michelle Dennis, former member of the Transgender Task Force spoke concerning the Trans Experience Los Angeles oral history project.

Rick Watts, City of West Hollywood, Chair of the Disabilities Board congratulated the awards winners. Mr. Watts spoke on Disabilities Awareness Month. Mr. Watts representing the Stonewall Democratic Club presented a proclamation to the Transgender Advisory Board.

Peter Lan, West Hollywood spoke on the agency Seniors Helping Seniors.

Casey, spoke concerning the Imperial Court of Los Angeles and Hollywood. Casey thanked the Transgender Advisory Board for their hard work in the past year.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Marroquin spoke of the joy for being on the Board. Member Marroquin spoke of the amazing things happening in the community. Member Marroquin spoke of the violence in the community. Member Marroquin thanked the City and staff for all their work.

Member Samala thanked the audience for attending and spoke of her work in the Transgender Community.

Member Lachine thanked the City Council for the support of the Board. Member Lachine spoke of the City calendar and the listing of Transgender events of the month. Member Lachine thanked the award winners for their hard work in the community.

Member De La Cruz thanked the audience and reminded the community to come out to Day of Remembrance.

Member Hinayon thanked the audience, the award winners, and the City. She congratulated the Board for all their hard work. Member Hinayon spoke concerning the Don't Ask Don't Tell military program and how it affects the Transgender Community.

Member Juarez thanked the audience and the award winners for attending the meeting and the work they do in the community. Member Juarez thanked the staff and the board.

Member Weiss thanked the audience and the community for watching. Member Weiss spoke of the honor to serve on the Board and for the community.

#### **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Bonnie Smith spoke concerning November 2015 meeting. Asked for new date.

Staff spoke regarding the upcoming events in Transgender Awareness Month.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10A. Trans Awareness Month/DOR: There was a discussion held on Day of Remembrance planning.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Johnson thanked the Council for their support.

Member De La Cruz congratulated Member Samala on the Imperial Court of Los Angeles and Hollywood and their events.

Member Hinayon invited everyone to attend the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Member Juarez invited all to the wellness event and job fair.

#### **REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

December

Certificates for volunteers  
DOR Debrief  
Calendar of special events.

**ADJOURNMENT** – the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to their next meeting on December 3, 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 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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