

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2015**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2015
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Member Juarez.

3. ROLL CALL – Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Coco Lachine, Mariana Marroquin, and Jaye Johnson. Also present: Bonnie Smith Public Safety Supervisor and David Escobedo Public Safety Administrative Specialist, Absent: Maria Carmen Hinayon and Maria Roman.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion to approve agenda by Member Weiss. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve December 2014 meeting minutes by Vice Chair LaChine. Seconded by Member De La Cruz. Motion passed. Motion to approve November 2014 meeting minutes by Member LaChine. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion passed.

6. Councilmember Duran – Spoke concerning a challenge be sent out to all boards and commissions. Councilmember Duran spoke about the AIDS epidemic. Councilmember Duran spoke concerning getting the word out that you must get tested if active, if you are HIV positive get on medications and how as a city and community do we make sure that no one else dies from AIDS. No judgment and shame for the community. By 2017 no deaths from AIDS. Councilmember Duran asked that the community be the eyes of the City if you see someone who needs help tell a councilmember.

Chairman Johnson asked that the item be agenzized.

7. Rent Stabilization “Aging in Place” Presentation- David Giugni, Social Services Manager spoke on the Aging in Place Strategic Plan. Asked the board to designate a representative to attend a meeting in May to help review the plan.

Member Weiss thanked David Giugni for attending the meeting and bringing forth the strategic plan. Member Weiss discussed the need for the board to be a part of the plan.

Vice Chair LaChine volunteered to be an alternative for the meeting. Vice Chair LaChine spoke about the difficulty of how to reach the community.

Member Weiss volunteered to be the representative at the meeting. Member Weiss requested the item be on the agenda next month

8. Facilities Presentation on Gender Neutral Bathrooms – Helen Collins

Spoke concerning the options for signage for the Gender Neutral Bathrooms.

Asked that the Board review and recommend signage for single use bathrooms in City owned facilities.

Option # 4 was recommended by the board.

Member Juarez asked if new construction would have to comply.

Council Deputy Erickson did let the board know that new construction would have to have the signage.

Motion to support #4 made by Member Juarez, seconded by Marroquin, one opposed (De La Cruz) and one abstained (Member Weiss)

Vice Chair LaChine asked that a press release be sent to the Transgender Advisory Board so that they can share with the community. Deputy Erickson let the board know that as soon as the press release is ready that it will be sent out.

9. Public Comments

Reina Martinez, President of Hollywood Now wished the board Happy New Year. Ms. Martinez congratulated the board on the Transgender Day of Remembrance. Ms. Martinez spoke concerning her personal experienced with domestic violence.

Christian Lopez, resident of Santa Monica spoke concerning the Rand Corporation and Beinestar partnering to host a campaign to stop smoking. Campaign will target the Latino population who are HIV positive.

Ceri Zamora, resident of Los Angeles Member of the Commission for the Status of Women of Los Angeles.

Arkasha Stevenson resident of Los Angeles spoke concerning filming a master thesis on transgender women deciding to have silicone implants. Ms. Stevenson came to the board seeking feedback concerning the film.

Anne Marie Williams, Chair of Human Services Commission invited the board to stop by and experience the Human Services Commission.

Keith Dager, resident of Los Angeles spoke concerning a Facebook page called Transgender Achievements. Mr. Dager spoke concerning the Methodist church and their support of the LGBT community. Thanked the board for their work with the Transgender Community and the City of West Hollywood.

10. Member Comment

Member Hinayon thanked the volunteers and staff for Day of Remembrance event. Member Hinayon spoke concerning Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Vice Chair LaChine spoke to the board in response to Councilmember Duran call to help with a letter campaign for a Transgender youth on the east coast. Member LaChine suggested reaching out to Trevor Project to find out what they are doing to help.

Member Juarez spoke of the great honor it is to be part of the board. Member Juarez thanked the public for attending the meeting. Member Juarez spoke of the need to help curb the suicide rate in the Transgender Community.

Member De La Cruz spoke concerning Leelah Alcorn who committed suicide and what can the board do along with the community to stop this. Member De La Cruz spoke of Samantha Hulseley and Rae Raucchi being attacked in San Francisco. She also spoke of the Madhu Bai Kinnar being elected mayor in the City of Raigarh in India.

Member Roman spoke concerning how difficult it is for many in the community to find a job, and how to turn a job into a career.

Member Samala spoke concerning Leelah Alcorn also. Member Samala attended a vigil for Ms. Alcorn. Member Samala shared information on Ms. Alcorn. Member Samala spoke concerning more protection is needed for the transgender community.

Member Weiss wished everyone a Happy New Year. Member Weiss spoke concerning a Laura's Playground and all the resources that are available to teens.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff went over the City Calendar.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOR: Was discussed

Board member Marroquin made a call for more community members to be involved with the planning.

Board member De La Cruz loved the event and hopes for the march to continue.

Board member Juarez loves the event and the march. Would like to review the reading of names.

Board member Weiss thanked member Roman for pushing the march. Member Weiss spoke of an incident during the march.

Vice Chair LaChine thanked everyone for the helping the event.

Chair Johnson thanked the staff for all their hard work. Member Johnson talked about the success of the entire month. Member Johnson talked about earlier marketing of the month. Revisit establishing a committee. Spoke of having more than one subcommittee.

Vice Chair LaChine spoke about the film festival. Spoke about the impact the film festival had on the community.

Member Juarez spoke about the Job Fair. Member Juarez spoke of the growth of the event. Member Juarez spoke of the need to advertise the event more.

Chair Johnson spoke about the Wellness Center. Member Johnson commented that he is already working on the 2015 event.

Chair Johnson motioned that a preliminary subcommittee be formed. Seconded by Member Juarez. Discussion was held. Member Johnson withdrawal motion.

Motion by Chair Johnson for TAB to host 4 community meeting with no more than 4 members present.

Motion seconded by Juarez.

Member Juarez asked for a friendly amendment for 3 community meetings. Vice Chair LaChine asked for a friendly amendment for 2 meetings. Discussion was held. All those in Favor, Members Johnson and Juarez 3 No Members Marroquin, De La Cruz, and Samala 1 abstained Weiss Motion failed

Transgender News

Member Weiss spoke on the dd214 of the military record. Member Weiss spoke about New York City now allowing people to change gender on their birth certificate without having surgery.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deputy Michelle Rex, spoke concerning an update on the Transit Art exhibit held in November. Deputy Rex updated the board on the hope that grants will be able to have the exhibit move across the United States

15. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Johnson spoke being approached by the Stonewall Democratic Club to help with having the City of Los Angeles to host a Transgender Awareness Month.

Vice Chair LaChine thanked staff for the work on the toy drive.

Member Samala spoke concerning the LGBT community and work that she is doing.

Member De La Cruz spoke about a vigil being held for Katya De La Riva of Orange County. Transgender women who passed away after silicone injections

Member Hinayon wished everyone Happy Holidays.

16. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

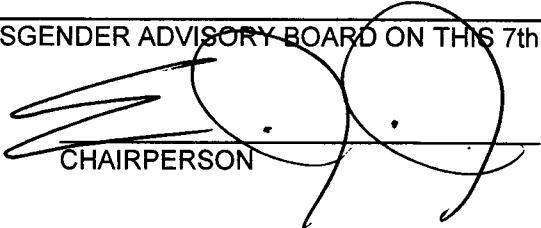
Housing Aging in Place
John Duran's proposal

17. ADJOURNMENT

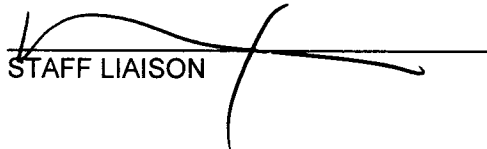
The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to their next meeting on February 4, 2015, 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 7th DAY OF JANUARY.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON