

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2012
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Elisabeth Sandberg at 7:00 p m., Thursday, June 14, 2012, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottini, Shawn Mimbs, Andrew Oldershaw, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Ruth Tittle

A quorum was present at all times. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

B. POSTING OF AGENDA

Staff reported that the agenda had been posted at City Hall and other locations as required.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as posted.

D. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 10, 2012, meeting were approved on a motion by Sue Sexton, seconded by Andrew Oldershaw.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Elisabeth Sandberg requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Hilda Palazzolo, mother of LGAB co-chair Matt Palazzolo

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Berkowitz spoke about the Rainbow Key Awards, which will be held this Saturday. He recruited board members for duties at the event, including reception, hosting, programs, parking guidance, and set-up.

III. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

Jeffrey Sichaleune of the West Hollywood Library spoke about the services and programs in the new facility. They have expanded from 5,000 square feet in the previous building to 32,000 square feet in the new one, and are seeing an average of 800 to 1,000 people every day. The collection stood at 30,000 volumes, but now has

room for up to 150,000 items. There are 2,400 items in the LGBT collection. The library has access to the resources of 84 other libraries in the Los Angeles County system, and hosts a variety of activities, including story times, summer reading program, book clubs, city meetings (including the Tribe and She discussion groups), Friends of the Library bookstore, and many others. An exhibit of items related to poet and filmmaker Jean Cocteau is currently on display

Board members recommended Jeanne Cordova, author of the Lammy Award-winning "When We Were Outlaws," and Dr. Ronni Sanlo, founder of Purple Books Publishing, as speakers.

IV. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

A. ADDICTION, RECOVERY AND SEXUAL HEALTH

Andrew Oldershaw said the task force has started to receive responses to its Phase I surveys of social services providers.

B. OTHER TASK FORCES

Shawn Mimbs said that Eastside Project Area Committee (PAC), to which he was the Advisory Board's liaison, has been disbanded due to the recent changes in state redevelopment funding. He said an alternative to the committee may be developed.

Shawn Mimbs spoke about the significance of the Palms Bar, and members expressed interest in hearing about the Historic Preservation Commission and what it could do to help preserve resources like this. Staff will provide Advisory Board members with the names of Historic Preservation Commission members and when and where their regular meetings are held.

Ivy Bottini said she likes the rainbow-colored crosswalks that were painted for Pride Month, and said she thinks this should continue year-round. She asked for this to be on the next agenda.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RAINBOW KEY

Preparations for the Rainbow Key Awards were already finalized.

B. JOINT MEETING WITH TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD

Sue Sexton reviewed plans for the June 27 joint meeting with the Transgender Advisory Board, to be held at 7 p.m. in the West Hollywood Library Community Room. Staff will check on parking validations.

C. ONE CITY / ONE PRIDE

Sue Sexton spoke about some branding issues vis-à-vis the City of Los Angeles, with regard to Pride events held in both cities. Elisabeth Sandberg asked why CSW doesn't include the Dyke March or Trans information in press releases.

D. MISSION STATEMENT

Andrew Oldershaw presented the most recent version of a proposed mission statement, as follows: "LGAB's primary purpose is to represent the LGBT community in the City of West Hollywood by aggregating and assessing public opinion for the purpose of advising the City Council on issues related to the LGBT community, providing endowments to worthy local endeavors, and proactively engaging LGBT citizens on matters of public health, visibility, equality, safety, hate crime prevention, and an overall sense of community. While thoughtful and strategic discussion is given to all issues presented to the Board, LGAB believes that actions speak louder than words. Though West Hollywood is LGAB's primary purview, the body seeks to organize in a manner that allows our city to serve as a model for a well-functioning and vigorous LGBT community."

Ruth Tittle moved to accept and adopt the statement as presented. This was seconded by Shawn Mimbs and approved. In discussion it was clarified that the statement is intended for now as a reminder by the Advisory Board to itself, rather than a request to the City Council to revise the Board's stated duties.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ivy Bottini said her daughter has moved here from Danbury, CT, which means both of her daughters are now living here.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. in memory of Hilda Palazzolo, mother of Advisory Board Co-Chair Matt Palazzolo.

Signed:

Elisabeth Sandberg, Co-Chair