

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – AUGUST 9, 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 Sue Sexton at 7:07 p.m., Thursday, August 9, 2012, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottini, Lucas John, Shawn Mimbs, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Amy Ruskin, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Ruth Tittle

A quorum was present at all times. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present. Council Deputy Michelle Rex joined the meeting in progress.

B. REPORT ON 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, on a motion by Matt Palazzolo, seconded by Enrique Reveles.

D. MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 12, 2012

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2012, were approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Matt Palazzolo, with Ruth Tittle abstaining.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Ruth Tittle asked for the meeting to be adjourned in memory of Albert Gamboa, brother of Robert Gamboa. Shawn Mimbs asked for the meeting to be adjourned in celebration of the first Gay Pride parade held in Vietnam, where the government is reportedly considering recognition for same-sex marriages.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Matt Palazzolo said the Book Fair task force, including Elisabeth Sandberg, Ben McCormick, Enrique Reveles, and himself, will be meeting soon.

Elisabeth Sandberg said the task force working on space for lesbians in the city had looked into possible recognitions for the Palms Bar, and determined it would be up to individuals to pursue these. She said groups were considering working together to determine space for lesbians in the city.

Amy Ruskin said the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives was a possible location for lesbian meeting space, but there is a problem with accessibility due to the elevator. She said she met with Daphne Dennis, Social Services manager, who is checking on whether the elevator can be made useful. She asked for this topic to be added to the next agenda.

Sue Sexton said the Transgender Advisory Board has elected Drían Juarez as chair, and Jaye Johnson as vice chair. The joint task force is considering the possibility of a Trans 101 video, as well as meetings with local leaders and groups, and a safety campaign, possibly with printed cards to distribute.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. C.I.T.Y.x1 THANKSGIVING EVENT

Carlos Sosa spoke to the Advisory Board to seek their recommendation for the City to again sponsor the C.I.T.Y.x1 Thanksgiving event. He presented a message from himself and Nadia Sutton, who has volunteered at the event for many years. He said the event will probably be held in the Hollywood area this year, but will continue to serve West Hollywood community members. He said they were not planning to use Koo Koo Roo as a provider this year.

On a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Lucas John, the Advisory Board recommended to City Council that the City reimburse \$500 in costs for this event, as it has done in previous years.

##### B. TOM OF FINLAND EROTIC ART FAIR

The Advisory Board discussed the request from the Tom of Finland Foundation for support toward the City again co-sponsoring the Erotic Art Fair for 2012

On a motion by Lucas John, seconded by Ivy Bottini, the Advisory Board recommended to City Council that the City co-sponsor the 2012 Tom of Finland Erotic Art Fair, and waive charges and fees for using Fiesta Hall.

##### C. JOINT STUDY SESSION

On a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Enrique Reveles, this item was postponed to the next meeting.

#### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WORKPLAN FOR 2012-2013

Staff reviewed the budget items relating to the work of the advisory boards in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The Board discussed development of its workplan for 2012-2013, and tentatively decided to make its October 11 regular meeting a retreat for this purpose.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ruth Tittle said the Buff & Cut event was fun and successful, with 300-400 people in attendance, and businesses supporting through booths and items.

Amy Ruskin and Matt Palazzolo said they attended the Outfest screening that listed the Advisory Board as a community sponsor.

Shawn Mimbs said it has been several months since Council discussed forming a task force on improving the City's gateway entrances, but no task force has been formed yet. He said he did not want this topic to get lost, or the task force not formed, and asked that his concern be noted in the minutes, and conveyed to the City Manager and the Council.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sharp from the Tom of Finland Foundation thanked the Advisory Board for recommending to City Council that the City co-sponsor the Erotic Art Fair again this year, with waivers of fees for the use of Fiesta Hall. He distributed information about the fair.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., in memory of Albert Gamboa, and in celebration of the first Gay Pride parade in Vietnam..

*Signed,*

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*Sue Sexton, Co-Chair*