

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2009**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Dan Berkowitz at 7:10 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Bryeon Earle, Bill Gordon, Ben McCormick, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, David “Tradd” Keaton.

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, with unanimous agreement that item 4.A. would be taken up between item II and item III.

D. MINUTES

Minutes of the Feb. 12, 2009, meeting were distributed. Approval was deferred.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEX MOVIE NIGHT

Betsy Kalin spoke about the exhibit opening on Saturday. Lex will also be screening films at the Macha Theatre. She distributed a flyer with information. Chris Clarkin spoke in favor of the project. On a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, the Advisory Board approved co-sponsoring the Movie Night in April.

## II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chris Clarkin spoke about the reported rise in violence between gay men, both nationally and locally; about a need for volunteers at the Lex exhibit kickoff; and about recommendations for the Rainbow Key awards.

## III. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Nadia Sutton attended the Women's Advisory Board meeting, and spoke about the Women's Leadership Awards to be held March 18. Also, there is a screening of "Frozen River" at the Pacific Design Center on March 20.

Sue Sexton said the City Council is working on ways to respond on the day of the California Supreme Court ruling on the validity of Proposition 8, which is expected soon.

David "Tradd" Keaton said the Lesbian & Gay Chamber now has a \$75 individual membership available, and offers mentoring and committees for young professionals and women. He spoke about the Postcards to the President project, and about the Equal Roots program, which has also facilitated planning for post-Proposition 8 activism.

Dan Berkowitz spoke about planning for a Comedy Night, jointly sponsored with the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission, to be held at the Macha Theatre in West Hollywood. Staff will contact the theatre for information about costs and reservations.

The committee working on events recommending supporting a screening of "Milk" at the Pacific Design Center on June 6; a transgender film screening and discussion; and an event co-sponsored with the Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights. These items were placed on the next agenda.

Bryeon Earle spoke about the Radical Faeries exhibit at the Antebellum Gallery, 1643 N. Las Palmas, in Hollywood, which continues through April 1.

## IV. B. GED GRADUATES

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

## V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. OUTFEST

Dan Berkowitz has spoken to the head of operations, who said they will forward a solicitation for community collaborators later this month.

### B. WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR

Ben McCormick said there was no new information this month. The Board is continuing to work with Corey Roskin on details of participation. Ben McCormick moved for the Advisory Board to sponsor a tented pavilion area at the Book Fair, to be used as a meet-and-greet location for LGBT authors and panelists. This was seconded by Bryeon Earle and approved.

C. WOMEN'S SAFER SEX PACKETS

Dan Berkowitz said the group working on this will meet next week to get a rough idea of how much information can be included in these packets.

D. RAINBOW KEY

Dan Berkowitz reviewed the list of proposed honorees for 2009, and moved its approval. This was seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, and approved.

Honorees are: Lynn Ballen; Jinx Beers; Malcolm Boyd and Mark Thompson; Paul Colichman; Don Kilhefner; Diane Olson and Phillip Ray de Blicek; Jenny Pizer and David Codell; Pat Rocco; Celebration Theatre; and Congregation Kol Ami, Beth Chayim Chadashim, and Metropolitan Community Church - Los Angeles.

The list will be submitted to the City Council for their approval.

E. TELEVISED MEETING

The Advisory Board's plans for a televised meeting on May 26, in lieu of the regular May meeting, were approved by City Council. There was extended discussion of the format and topics for the meeting.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Sue Sexton noted the Pride festival is coming up in June. This was placed on the April agenda, for review of LGAB's participation.

Elisabeth Sandberg noted that Ivy Bottini is presenting a program at the ONE Archives at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15.

David "Tradd" Keaton said items for the city's Channel 6 can be submitted, and for members to let him know of items that should be included.

Ivy Bottini spoke about the "Ask Ivy" column in Frontiers.

Elisabeth Sandberg said the Different Light bookstore location is almost empty, following announcement of its imminent closing.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.