

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES – DECEMBER 9, 2010  
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 Sue Sexton at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, December 9, 2010, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Angela Brinskele, Bill Gordon, Ben McCormick, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, 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

Without objection, Items IV.A. and V.C. were tabled. The agenda was approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Ruth Tittle.

D. MINUTES

The minutes of the Nov. 9, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Ben McCormick.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Sue Sexton asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Shirley Roberts, Human Services Commissioner, who passed away this week. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. this Sunday, Dec. 12, at Congregation Kol Ami.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Christian Antonio Calle of the Gay & Lesbian Center's legal services program introduced himself and provided a brief overview of programs conducted by the legal program, including free legal consultations with members of the West Hollywood community,

under a contract with the City.

### III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Dan Berkowitz said the events task force has begun planning for events in Pride Month, June 2011, and welcomes input from members with ideas for events. The next meeting is Jan. 11, prior to the next Advisory Board meeting.

Ben McCormick said the Public Facilities Commission meeting was cancelled this month, and that he watched the Planning Commission meeting on cable.

Sue Sexton said the Transgender Advisory Board did not meet due to the World AIDS Day event.

Angela Brinskele spoke about the Lesbian Visibility Committee and the very successful Day in the Park, which they hope to do again.

Nadia Sutton expressed greetings and thanks from Carlos Sosa for the assistance with the C.I.T.Y. x1 Thanksgiving event, and noted their Christmas event is coming up.

Ruth Tittle said Human Services Commission is not being held on Tuesday. She and Nadia Sutton were at the World AIDS Day event. She reported a good turnout for the congress of boards and commissions. She will be receiving a proclamation on behalf of Capitol Drugs at the Dec. 20 Council meeting.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. THE PALMS

This item was carried over to the next agenda.

#### B. JOINT STUDY SESSION DISCUSSION

Sue Sexton has spoken to Karina Samala of the Transgender Advisory Board, which will be considering the joint study session idea on their next agenda in January. This Advisory Board will take up the idea again at that time.

#### C. DR. LAURA SCHLESSINGER STATEMENT

Dan Berkowitz noted remarks by radio commentator Dr. Laura Schlessinger on Nov. 30, 2010, in which she strongly supported repeal of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. He recommended sending a letter or e-mail to recognize this step while acknowledging ongoing disagreement with her on other issues. This was moved by Dan Berkowitz and seconded by Ben McCormick, but after discussion, not agreed to.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RISE UP AND SHOUT!

Staff reported that the Finance Dept. was concerned that purchasing and distributing tickets for an out-of-town event might be in a gray area regarding expenditure of public funds. The Advisory Board asked staff to check with the City Attorney to see what the boundaries on this are, and report back.

B. RAINBOW KEY

Ivy Bottini noted there is a committee (Ben McCormick, Bill Gordon, Sue Sexton) on this, which will meet and report to the Advisory Board on what steps to take for this year's event. Ben McCormick said he would like to see the Rainbow Key awards treated by the City with the same level of publicity and public involvement as the Disability Awards. Staff will give the committee the total cost of last year's event. Ben McCormick was chosen to chair the committee at this time.

C. COMMUNITY SURVEY

This item was carried over to the next agenda.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Elisabeth Sandberg showed a photograph of board member Angela Brinskele, who was featured in Lesbian News.

Elisabeth Sandberg spoke about her tour of the Gay & Lesbian Center, and said the Center would do a tour for the entire board if the board wanted to do that. Staff will check on parameters for whether a board can meet outside city limits for that purpose, or meet at City Hall and go there as a field trip.

Nadia Sutton thanked Dan Berkowitz for his help in securing the turkeys for the C.I.T.Y. x1 Thanksgiving event.

Angela Brinskele said the Mazer Archive's upcoming ALMS conference is seeking support and donations, both monetary and in-kind.

Sue Sexton spoke about the life of Shirley Roberts.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff. )

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. in memory of Shirley Roberts.