

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – DECEMBER 10, 2009**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INSTALLATION

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Dan Berkowitz at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2009, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Bryeon Earle, Bill Gordon, Ben McCormick, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, and Nadia Sutton.

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 printed. The resignation of Rev. Pat Langlois from the Advisory Board was noted.

D. MINUTES

The minutes of the Oct. 8, 2009, meeting were corrected to reflect that Ruth Tittle was present for the meeting. The October 2009 and November 2009 minutes will be resubmitted at the January 2010 meeting.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Carlos Sosa of C.I.T.Y. x1 spoke about the Thanksgiving event held Nov. 21 at Plummer Park with support from the Advisory Board. He thanked Nadia Sutton, Dan Berkowitz, Sue Sexton, Ruth Tittle, and the board for their support. He spoke about their upcoming entertainment event, and their consideration of a “Just the Girls” event designed to appeal to lesbian youth.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Liaisons are needed for the Historic Preservation, Transportation, Disabilities Advisory Board, Russian Advisory Board, Public Safety, Rent Stabilization, and Senior Advisory Board. These will be considered in January.

Women's safer sex packets are being reordered.

The events task force will meet on Monday, Dec. 14.

In the legislative report, Bill Gordon spoke about the New York state senate defeating a bill for equal marriage, and postponement of a similar issue in New Jersey. He said the City of Washington, D.C., is closer to approving the issue, and the recent defeat in Maine is being studied for lessons to be learned. Ivy Bottini asked for a written copy when this report is available.

The marriage task force will be meeting. Courage Campaign has withdrawn from the effort to put this on the 2010 ballot in California. Love Honor Cherish continues to aim for the 2010 ballot.

Bryeon Earle was designated as liaison to Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman's office.

Elisabeth Sandberg said the Lesbian Visibility Committee will meet this month.

Ivy Bottini spoke about the General Plan advisory process, with a Jan. 30 meeting on planning and development issues.

Dan Berkowitz said discussions with Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission regarding Pride Month events is continuing.

Ben McCormick asked about progress on the AIDS memorial item. Jeff Book said he would speak with Sam Baxter, the manager of facilities and field services, and report back.

Sue Sexton said that Mayor Land sends thanks to the board members for all their work, and wishes for happy holidays. She recommended a co-chairs' letter thanking Koo Koo Roo for their help with the C.I.T.Y. x1 Thanksgiving event.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

Dan Berkowitz distributed a proposal for a public event following up on the 2009 Stonewall commemoration event, building on educational relationships between the generations, to be held Sat., Feb. 13, 2010, and featuring panels of older and younger community leaders. Estimated costs are \$400 for graphic design, \$200 for printing, and \$400 for catering and miscellaneous, for a total of \$1,000.

It was moved by Ben McCormick, seconded by Bryeon Earle, and approved to seek Council approval for this event.

B. LGBT CONSUMER INFORMATION

With regard to ongoing discussion about how to provide consumers with relevant information about the LGBT civil rights records of corporations and businesses, Bill Gordon said this requires a good deal of thought. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ivy Bottini if anyone had attended the recent march on Washington, D.C., but none had. Nadia Sutton said she would see if she could get more information on what occurred.

Bryeon Earle asked for Kids Fair participation to be on the next agenda.

Sue Sexton asked for the meeting to be adjourned in memory of Rodney Scott's mother, Constance Kidder. She commented on the memorial held for Howard Jacobs.

Elisabeth Sandberg spoke about the screening of "Invictus" at the Pacific Design Center, and about the World AIDS Day event.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff presented attorney Lou Samuel's letter about challenging the potential unconstitutionality of the IRS's refusal to accept joint income tax returns from people whose marriages are legal under the law of their own state. The Advisory Board asked for this to be referred to the City Attorney and the City Council.

The likelihood that John A. Pérez will be the next speaker of the state assembly was noted, and the Board asked for a congratulatory letter to be sent.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in memory of Constance Kidder, mother of Rodney Scott.