

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – JUNE 2, 2009
WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK AUDITORIUM

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 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in the West Hollywood Park Auditorium, 647 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Bryeon Earle, Bill Gordon, Rev. Pat Langlois, Ben McCormick, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, Ruth Tittle.

A quorum was present at all times. Mayor Abbe Land, Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman, and Councilmember Lindsey Horvath were present. 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.

D. MINUTES

Minutes are pending.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Susan Forrest spoke about the state budget situation, including possible defunding of AIDS programs.

Glenn McElhinney, director of the documentary “On These Shoulders We Stand,” spoke about pre-Stonewall activism in Los Angeles.

Mayor Pro Tempore John Heilman also spoke.

III. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

The Advisory Board received brief updates on current activities and projects, including women's safer sex kits; a screening of "The Legend of Harvey Milk"; a showing of the transgender documentary "In the Fire"; playreading nights; the Rainbow Key Awards; a panel on the state of gay theatre; a comedy night; and Outfest.

Ivy Bottini requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lovedy Brydon. Sue Sexton requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Elliott Simmons, a longtime volunteer at West Hollywood cable and the Friends of the Library.

IV. PROGRAM

The Advisory Board conducted a special program commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion.

Jeanne Cordova, Lillian Faderman, Don Kilhefner, and Mark Thompson gave extended remarks about the early days of the gay and lesbian movement.

Mike Ai, Jordan Raha, and Sara Pollaro gave remarks about current gay and lesbian activism.

There was an extended discussion of how things have changed, and how both older and younger activists may benefit from the point of view of the other.

There was extended discussion with questions and answers from the audience.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. in memory of Lovedy Brydon and Elliott Simmons.