

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2010
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 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 2010, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Bryeon Earle, Ben McCormick, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, and 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**

The agenda was approved as printed.

D. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Jan. 14, 2010, meeting were corrected to reflect that Enrique Reveles will be liaison to the Public Safety Commission, not Rent Stabilization, and to correct the spelling of Bryeon Earle's name.

The minutes of the September 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Bryeon Earle, with Ben McCormick abstaining.

The minutes of the Jan. 14, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Dan Berkowitz, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, with Ben McCormick abstaining.

II. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no speakers.

III. **TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS**

Bryeon Earle asked for the next agenda to contain an item for the Advisory Board to consider recommending to City Council that the City provide smoking cessation programs to its residents. This was placed on the next agenda.

Ruth Tittle said that Council Deputy Ivor Pine had forwarded information on grants available in the area of LGBT senior services. She said the Human Services Commission had conducted a year-end review of social services programs.

Sue Sexton said that Mayor Land is hosting a “Meet the Mayor” event on Feb. 27 at Pavilions, and Advisory Board members are invited. She also attended the Transgender Advisory Board, and brought them greetings on behalf of this board. She will be liaison to this board.

Dan Berkowitz and Sue Sexton attended the performing arts subcommittee of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. The calendar for Pride Month events is developing.

Elisabeth Sandberg said that Anne Marie Williams is stepping down as a co-chair of the Lesbian Visibility Committee.

Nadia Sutton spoke with Council Deputy Corri Planck about Women’s Advisory Board. Women’s History Month is coming up in March. Books With Feet will be presenting a performance of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “Bernice Bobs Her Hair,” on Tuesday, March 2, at Plummer Park, with a reception at 6 p.m., and program at 7 p.m. Equal Roots is having an event with other groups, to discuss Prop 8 and the role of communities of faith.

The staff liaison reported on the need to use the process laid out in the city’s Memorial Policy, in order to propose an AIDS memorial. A task force was formed, consisting of Ruth Tittle, Ben McCormick, Dan Berkowitz, Bill Gordon, Ivy Bottini, and Matt Palazzolo, to prepare the item to be submitted to the city clerk under the policy.

Ben McCormick asked the liaison to check with the city’s library development staff about how to pursue placement of a plaque in conjunction with the LGBT collection in the new library.

Dan Berkowitz said the LGBT Museum committee meeting is being rescheduled, and that a new run of Women’s Safer Sex packets have been made, and some will be distributed at the Feb. 13 event.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY 13 EVENT

Dan Berkowitz said that Phill Wilson and Jeanne Cordova were unable to attend the event, and Robin Tyler has been added to the panel. Roles and assignments for board members were reviewed.

B. RAINBOW KEY

It was moved by Dan Berkowitz, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, and approved to postpone the deadlines for the Rainbow Key process for up to one month, because the report of the Advisory Board Task Force is still pending. The events task force will proceed with tentative planning in the meantime.

Ben McCormick spoke about soliciting more public input through a larger mailing, and there was discussion about using electronic means in order to avoid an excess of paper. Staff will check on the scale of the mailing used by the Disabilities Advisory Board and its response rate.

C. LGBT CONSUMER INFORMATION

This item was tabled, with note that Human Rights Campaign has a buyer's guide online, and there is also information available at DiversityInc.com.

D. RENAISSANCE OF BUTCH/FEMME

This item was carried over to the next meeting.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Bryeon Earle requested that the next agenda contain an item regarding a dispute between a 16-year-old activist and the Cyrus Restaurant in Healdsburg, CA. The dispute was reported by the Metro Santa Cruz newspaper.

Sue Sexton asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Frederick Benito Cordova, father of Jeanne Cordova.

Elisabeth Sandberg will be appearing in "The Vagina Monologues" at the Fletcher James Auditorium of Woodbury University, on Feb. 25-26.

Dan Berkowitz will be appearing in a show featuring his own writing on Feb. 26, at the Academy for New Musical Theatre in North Hollywood.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. in memory of Frederick Benito Cordova.