

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2013
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Andrew Oldershaw at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2013, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottini, Robert Gamboa, Andrew Oldershaw, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Amy Ruskin, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Ruth Tittle.

Not Present: Shawn Mimbs.

A quorum was present at all times. Andrew Campbell, Mike Che, and Jeff Book, staff liaison, were also present.

B. REPORT ON 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 on a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Robert Gamboa, with Items in Section V rearranged as B, D, A, C. This was later amended as B, A, D, C.

D. MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2013

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2013, were corrected to reflect under Item III that it was Shawn Mimbs who attended the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, rather than Elisabeth Sandberg. The minutes were approved on a motion by Ruth Tittle, seconded by Robert Gamboa, with Amy Ruskin abstaining.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Amy Ruskin asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of her newly adopted son, Benjamin William Ruskin Price. Ivy Bottini asked that the meeting be adjourned with good wishes to Jerry Buss, majority owner of the Los Angeles Lakers, who is ill.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Desiree Jade Sol, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, spoke about the Public Safety Awards, for which nominations are sought. She spoke about Nixle.com and its use for community updates. She also spoke about helping people on the east side of the city have access to services, and about the V-Day One Billion Rising event, which was held this morning.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Robert Gamboa said he is working with Tom Pardoe of LA Pride on improving the drug- and alcohol-free section of the annual event. He also spoke about the recent Human Services Commission meeting, which discussed reports meth, HIV, antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea, and the census of homeless persons taken recently.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. ONE CITY/ONE PRIDE UPDATE

Mike Che gave a visual presentation of plans for this year's One City / One Pride Festival in early June, organized around the theme of The Sacred and the Profane. He invited ideas for future themes. Events planned include Living in Limbo, '8' by Dustin Lance Black, TransVisible: Bamby's Story, Install WeHo, Benjamin Britten's "Sacred and Profane," Dale Guy Madison, an Asian/Pacific Islander arts panel, the LA Art Association exhibit, OutLaugh, Lavender Effect, short film festival, LA Women's Theatre Festival, Pop Luck Club and Summer Sounds, 'Rent' at the Lee Strasberg Theatre, 'Grey Hair' at Stagebridge LA, and a Red Circle Project pow-wow.

He said they are seeking the Advisory Board's recommendation that \$2,500 from the Gay & Lesbian Programs line item be used for each of three events of particular interest. Andy Sacher of The Lavender Effect spoke about their plans for the oral history project.

This item was moved to the next agenda, for action on the recommendation.

A. UTILITY BOXES ART PROGRAM

Elisabeth Sandberg said Shawn Mimbs attended the Art on the Outside meeting regarding the utility box art program, and it may be possible for the Advisory Board to target some boxes and have a competition. Andrew Campbell spoke about vinyl wrap that was used on utility boxes at West Hollywood Park.

Andrew Oldershaw moved to pursue the project in concept, asking Elisabeth Sandberg and Shawn Mimbs to pursue it with the Public Facilities Commission,

with plans to eventually present a recommendation to City Council. This was seconded by Robert Gamboa and approved.

D. WORKPLAN

Members discussed a variety of priorities for the year, and tentatively arranged them in the following categories:

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| Top Priorities: | One City/One Pride
Tourism Video
Rainbow Key
Book Fair |
| Middle Priority: | CSW Sober Zone
Addiction Recovery/Sexual Health |
| Lower Priority: | LGBT survey
Increasing the line item budget |

Workplan items were placed on the next agenda also.

Members discussed possible approaches for this year's Rainbow Keys, including having a theme, having fewer annual awards, providing stipends, and other aspects.

Robert Gamboa, Ivy Bottini, and Sue Sexton were designated as the Rainbow Key subcommittee.

C. LESBIAN SPACE/THE LESBIAN CENTER

Elisabeth Sandberg provided a handout about plans for The Lesbian Center (TLC), and spoke about Jimmy Palmieri's remarks at an earlier meeting. She asked if his informant about her reaction to his suggestion that TLC go to the east side of town had explained that her strong reaction was about the ease with which men in this city push aside lesbians. She said their behavior is bullying and sexual harassment, which lesbians won't tolerate, and which she identified as misogyny. She said that TLC agrees with Jimmy Palmieri that the Werle Building should be public space, and that TLC is seeking use of the space, but not exclusive use of the space.

Andrew Oldershaw moved to support plans for lesbian space in the City, as described in the Lesbian Center handout. This was seconded by Matt Palazzolo and approved.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Robert Gamboa was in the Presidential Inaugural Parade on January 21, as part of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association. He would like the Advisory Board to write to the President to thank him for his policy changes on LGBT issues. This was placed on the next agenda.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff said the date of the next regular meeting, March 14, coincides with the final public meeting being held for the Community Study, which is a major factor in determining social services in the city. The Advisory Board considered alternative dates, and voted to move its March 14, 2013, meeting to March 21, 2013.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Amy Ruskin's new son, Benjamin William Ruskin Price, and with good wishes to Jerry Buss, majority owner of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Signed,

Sue Sexton, Co-Chair

Andrew Oldershaw, Co-Chair