

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – JUNE 11, 2009**  
**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 Dan Berkowitz at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, June 11, 2009, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Bryeon Earle, Bill Gordon, David “Tradd” Keaton, Rev. Pat Langlois, Ben McCormick, 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

The agenda was approved, with unanimous agreement that item 1D (Council of Elders) would be deleted. It was also unanimously agreed to add an item dealing with AIDS and state budget issues; that the need for the item arose after the preparation of the agenda; and that action was needed prior to the next meeting. It was also agreed to move item 1C ahead of item 1A.

D. MINUTES

Minutes are pending.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

The Stonewall commemoration event, Harvey Milk event, transgender event at Macha

Theatre, and first night of play readings have already been held. Coming up are the second night of play readings, panel on gay and lesbian theatre, and comedy night. The question of how to build on the intergenerational dialogue at the Stonewall event was added to the July agenda.

Bryeon Earle spoke about the Gay Men's Medicine Circle.

Tradd Keaton was at the Equal Roots meeting, and said that many participants were interested by the Stonewall history event.

Elisabeth Sandberg attended the Public Safety Commission and spoke about LAPD Chief Bratton meeting with people after the Prop 8 rally and march. She also spoke about National Night Out (Aug. 4), and the need for new Neighborhood Watch captains, due to retirements.

Sue Sexton noted there are more parade entries this year, so the parade will be longer. The pre-show begins on cable at 10:30 a.m. The Dyke March is tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Tittle attended the Human Services Commission, which was discussing the impact of state budget cuts on social services.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. BUDGET ISSUE

The Advisory Board discussed state-level proposals to cut AIDS drug assistance and other programs directly affecting the community. On a motion by Tradd Keaton, seconded by Ivy Bottini, the Advisory Board urged the City Council to hold a press conference to challenge the proposed budget cuts as genocidal. Also, on a motion by Ben McCormick, seconded by Tradd Keaton, the Advisory Board urged the City Council to adopt an urgency resolution denouncing the proposed budget cuts, and communicate this to the governor and legislators.

##### B. POLICY ON RECOGNITION

The Advisory Board discussed the possibility of a policy on how the advisory board is recognized when sponsoring or co-sponsoring an event. On a motion by Ben McCormick, seconded by Tradd Keaton, the board approved the idea of adopting a policy, with wording to be prepared by Dan Berkowitz with input from interested board members. A brief narrative statement of the board's work will also be prepared.

##### C. TCHAIKOVSKY EVENT

Bryeon Earle spoke about the importance of supporting this event with the

Russian Advisory Board. The Advisory Board voted to approve co-sponsorship on a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Bill Gordon.

D. TRANSGENDER TASK FORCE

Ivy Bottini moved to contact each City Council member and urge them to create a Transgender Advisory Board. This was seconded by Bryeon Earle and approved.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WOMEN'S SAFER SEX PACKETS

The packets will be introduced at the Dyke March.

B. BOOK FAIR

Ben McCormick is working with the Book Fair planners. The Book Fair may be losing some space this year due to library construction. Tradd Keaton said Equal Roots has started an LGBT book club, and wants to participate in the Book Fair.

C. PRIDE PARADE

The Advisory Board discussed plans for participating in the CSW parade.

D. RAINBOW KEY

Dan Berkowitz reviewed final preparations for the Rainbow Key luncheon.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dan Berkowitz said the films that the Advisory Board is sponsoring as a community partner at Outfest will be showing on July 10 and July 15. Robin Tyler and Diane Olson will be holding an event for the anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday, June 16. The LGBT Advisory Council of the Los Angeles City Human Relations Commission is seeking information about experiences with LAPD, at a meeting on Sat., June 20.

Rev. Pat Langlois spoke about an event for the senior pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, Los Angeles.

Bryeon Earle spoke about signature collection for repeal of Prop 8. An item was placed on the August agenda for LGAB to take a position on the repeal, if this is permitted under City rules.

Elisabeth Sandberg spoke about the marriage equality exhibit at Los Angeles Council-member Bill Rosendahl's office in West Los Angeles.

Tradd Keaton asked for a possible boycott of Rockstar beverages to be added to the July agenda.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.