

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2015.**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 2, 2015
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER –Chair Wen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by. Karina Samala

3. ROLL CALL – Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Mariana Marroquin, Erika De La Cruz, James Wen, Also present: Bonnie Smith Public Safety Supervisor. Absent Coco Lachine, Jaye Johnson, Kean O'Brien and Justine Gonzalez.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion to approve agenda by Member De La Cruz. Seconded by Member Marroquin. Motion approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve August 5, 2015 meeting minutes by Member Marroquin. Seconded by Member Salama. Motion passes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Laner, West Hollywood, spoke concerning a day to promote discussion across the gender lines to be held on Feb. 12, 2016. A way to observe gender empathy day.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS (7:08)

Member Samala spoke concerning Queen USA Pageant. Member Samala thanked the mayor for attending

Member Wen spoke concerning a document media alert. Member Wen spoke of two transgender individuals who had been murdered in the last month. Adjourn in Maya hall and gilet. Member Wen also spoke concerning 2015 Trans survey. Member Wen spoke about the issues of how the board can better communicate with the public. Member Wen apologized for not being able to attend the pageant.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. TDOR: August 18, 2015 a meeting was held with the subcommittee. Trans Chorus of Los Angeles will be performing. There has been a request for t-shirts. The group could be up to 100 people. Still would like to have the event videotaped. PSA for the month of November from the cast Transparent. Need to check with PIO. Discussion of the march also took place. Mailing list from last year to be used to invite people to TDOR Recognize groups that are there. Verbally recognize. Flowers will be donated. T-shirts for the event were discussed.

8B. Transgender Awareness Month: See above

8C. Anti-Violence Prevention Month: Member Wen discussed the Anti-Transgender Violence (HRC) Would like to have a discussion once TDOR is over and time can be devoted to the event. Need to develop a call to action item for the November Meeting.

9. New Business

9A. Transgender News

Equality Act: Member Wen spoke concerning having the council endorse.

Member Juarez spoke concerning the student that was not allowed to use the rest room.

9B. Arts and Economic Development would like if TAB could elect someone to serve on a panel for the City's One City One Pride grants. One City One Pride grants are provided to fund arts activities during June Pride Month in an effort to expand the opportunities on how we celebrate Pride and to enhance Pride month with arts, cultural and educational opportunities. The person selected to serve on this panel should be available to physically attend an in-person grant meeting on the evening of October 1 from approximately 5-9pm and have ample time to review the application prior to the in-person meeting. Review materials will be provided around September 15 providing 2 weeks' time for review. Ideally the person selected would have also had a strong interest in the arts. A stipend of \$100 will be offered to the panelist as well as dinner.

Member Marroquin will be representing

9C. Goals for Next Year Tabled

9D. Community Outreach

Letter to be sent to high student. Drian to write, and staff to get address

Member Wen also spoke concerning recognizing Vanity Fair for their positive response to the Transgender Community. Staff to write letter.

Member Marroquin started going to TSPN.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Marchbanks, steering committee chair for HRC, and Director for Trans Chorus. Spoke concerning the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles.

14. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen thanked the board and subcommittee for TDOR.

Member Juarez spoke about being excited about the work being done on TDOR

Member De La Cruz congratulated Member Wen for all his hard work. She spoke of enjoying his great job. She thanked the staff and the public for attending the meeting.

15. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Transgender Health Issues and how the board can communicate with the community


Student Success Act

National Voting Rights

Transgender Los Angeles Chorus

16. ADJOURNMENT (8:40 pm)

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn in the names of Maya Hall, Bri Golic, and Jessica Alvarez to their next meeting on November 3, 2015 at West Hollywood, City Council Chambers 625 North San Vicente Blvd.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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