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

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 2, 2015 City Council Chambers 625 N. San Vicente 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 Ms. Martinez.
- 3. ROLL CALL Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Mariana Marroquin, Erika De La Cruz, James Wen, Kean O'Brien, Coco Lachine, and Justine Gonzalez.

  Also present: Bonnie Smith Public Safety Supervisor. Absent Jaye Johnson.
- **4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Motion to approve agenda by Member LaChine. Seconded by Member Samala. Motion approved. Abstain Member Marroquin.
- <u>5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> Motion to approve November 3, 2015 meeting minutes by Member De La Cruz. Seconded by Member LaChine. Motion passes. Abstain Member Johnson and Marroquin.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsey Deaton spoke about the Chorus being at Transgender Remembrance by reading a personal reading by Alex Billing.

Karen Ayers member of the women's advisory board and resident of West Hollywood came and spoke to the board for input on status of women report that is going to council. Spoke of the services that Planned Parenthood has available for the Transgender Advisory.

#### 7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Gonzalez stated how sorry she was about missing the TDOR and has only heard wonderful things about the event.

Member Juarez congratulated all for their hard work on TDOR and the wonderful volunteers.

Member Marroquin spoke of the graduate she felt about that TDOR.

Member LaChine thanked the City, Sheriff's dept. and staff for all their work.

Member Samala congratulated all on TDOR and thanked the choir for their wonderful performance.

Member De La Cruz spoke of the happiness of being on the board and TDOR.

Member Johnson spoke of being so proud of the evolution of TDOR. Jaye thanked the staff and the volunteers for their work at the event. Member Johnson spoke of the joy of having the chorus at TDOR.

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. Social Services Derrek Murray spoke about HIV Prevention. He spoke on PREP and the goal of having zero transmission. They spoke of the new educational campaign that they are working on.

Member Lachine spoke of wanting to know why there is an asterisk in the material.

Member Mannequin asked that all information be translated to Spanish. Member Mannequin also asked about including information for the partner.

Member Johnson spoke about the material being too broad and being fluffy. Member Johnson spoke about putting faces on the document.

Chair Wen asked if the City would be open to contact from other groups.

Member Gonzalez spoke about the asterisk.

### 8B. Day of Remembrance

Wrap up, need to attempt to streamline the event

Action items

Form 2016 TDOR

Form TDOR Toolkit Committee

Request translation of Indian Blessing shared at TDOR

Discuss future space requirements (i.e. satellite viewing area)

Member Johnson spoke of limiting the amount of content about each individual

Member Lachine asked that the site be shared for photos

Member Marroquin spoke about HRC using the Day of Remembrance as a way to raise donations.

Member Wen commented that he had no issues with the HRC using the links.

Member Lachine was not connected with having donations taken at the event.

Member Juarez spoke about LA Trans Chorus being in need of a Spanish speaker.

Nir Silverman resident of West Hollywood spoke on how amazing TDOR was. Mr. Silverman spoke of the Transgender community just becoming just another part of the community.

Certificates were handed out to some members of the audience for their help at Transgender Day of Remembrance.

## 8C. Voting Act of 2015

Member Gonzalez spoke in support of the resolution H.R. 2867 Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2015. Mayor Pro Tempore has placed the resolution on the December 7, 2015 council consent calendar. The board formally supports the resolution.

Chair Wen spoke of a meeting being held to help get more Transgender voters to the polls.

Nir Silverman spoke about people needing to vote. Every vote counts.

#### 8D. Trans Chorus LA

Member Juarez made a motion that the boards consider a motion to make the chorus part of TDOR. Motion did not receive a second vote. Motion failed.

Nir Silverman spoke about the chorus.

Member Johnson spoke about having the chorus be involved in One City One Pride.

Member Wen spoke about Trans Chorus attempting to apply for a grant from the City. Member Johnson made a motion that the board ask the City to make certain that the Chorus is part of Once City, One Pride. Seconded by Member Lachine. Motion passes with Member Marroquin abstaining.

## 8E. Community Outreach

Member Lachine spoke of attending World AIDS Day. Member Lachine spoke of the disappointment of there being no mention of any Transgender providers in the pamphlet that was passed out at World AIDS Day.

Member Wen spoke of City events he had attended. Including LGAB and the Facilities Commission Board. He spoke of all the bathrooms stalls that now have gender natural signs on the doors.

Neutral

# 9. New Business

9A. Transgender Calendar of Events
Rainbow Key Awards.
Transgender Services collative meeting.
Chair Wen spoke of having the board be ready to speak about goals for Jan 2016

#### 12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Update Equality Act: Staff reported working with the legislative personal at City Hall to work on a resolution for the City Council to look at. Meeting held on Dec 1, 2015

## 13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nil Silverman resident of West Hollywood spoke of wanting to have more people attend his facility. He invited the audience to attend his facility. He spoke about empowering people to be a better person.

## 14. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine asked that the board adjourn in the name of those that passed in San Bernardino

## 15. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Goals

**16. ADJOURNMENT** (8:40 pm)

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn in the names the people who passed away in San Bernardino. Next meeting to be held on January 6, 2016 at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048.

Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Staff Liaison

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