

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR February 3, 2016**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 3, 2016  
Plummer Park  
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90048**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Arlena Johnson

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Motion to approve agenda by Member Lachine. Seconded by Member Samala. Motion approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve January 6, 2016 meeting minutes by Member Johnson. Seconded by Member Samala. Motion passes. Members Marroquin, Lachine, and Gonzalez abstain.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nir Silmerman, resident of West Hollywood Love No Hate. Spoke of being proud of the City and the members of the board. Mr. Silverman spoke of the money that was allocated to the Public Safety Dept. at the last council meeting on February 2, 2016. Mr. Silverman spoke of the danger of the women who are on the streets at night and the fear for their safety. Mr. Silverman spoke of the amount of homeless on the street and would like to know if there was a number for how many of the homeless are transgender.

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member O'Brien spoke of being happy to be at the meeting.

Member Juarez asked that the meeting be adjourned in the name Monica Loera, Texas.

Member Samala spoke of the trial of Melony Smith. She thanked the District Attorney and the Sheriff's Department for the work on the trial. Stephen Gonzalez was found guilty. Worked with the LAPD on victim's rights.

Chair Wen spoke about the TAB meeting held in January last meeting. He also spoke about reaching out to different groups in the Transgender community. Chair Wen also spoke about the chorus grant that was issued. Chair Wen shared a call for proposal, and spoke of different services available to Vietnam era veterans in the Transgender Community. He spoke of the Transgender community being allowed to compete in the Olympics without surgery. He reminded the board about Full Bloom the documentary. He spoke about the Women's Advisory Board and the Status of Women Safety in West Hollywood report that needs to have some Transgender information. Spoke of WeHo MLK day of service. Attended LGAB and WAB.

Member Gonzalez spoke of being happy to be back. Member Gonzalez spoke of wanting to be a part of helping to end homelessness in the City.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8A. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2016 Tabled

8B. League of Women Voters/West Hollywood Event Tabled

8C. Goals Tabled

## 9. New Business

9A. Social Services RFP: Derik Murphy, Social Services

Nir Silverman spoke about the social services division. He spoke of his challenges with the division. He spoke of needing to have social services be a nicer division.

Derik Murphy spoke about the request of proposal that will be going out to agencies and wanting to get the boards ideas of what is needed for the Transgender Community. March 8, 2016 Human Services Commission. Chair Wen will be attending.

9B. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News

9C. Transgender Day of Visibility, March 31, 2016

Each tent (consisting of 1 8 foot table, 2 chairs and tent) cost of \$100.00  
Stage 12 x 12 and up \$600 - \$1,000

## 10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Speak about Grant for the LA Chorus

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

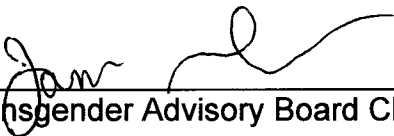
## 14. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

None

## 15. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

16. **ADJOURNMENT** (9:10 pm)

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to the next meeting to be held on March 2, 2016 at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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