

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR March 2, 2016**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90048**

1. CALL TO ORDER –Chair Wen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Michael Wojtkielewicz

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 Juarez. Seconded by Member Samala. Motion approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve February, 2016 meeting minutes by Member. Lachine. Seconded by Member Gonzalez. Motion passes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nir Zilberman, resident of West Hollywood Love No Hate. Thanked Members Samala and Lachine for the help with the homeless in the City. Mr. Zilberman spoke of what the City is doing for the Transgender homeless community in West Hollywood.

Karen Eyres WAB member spoke of Women's History month and the events during the month of March.

Resident Michael Wojtkielewicz member of the Disability Advisory Board spoke about the rights of the disabled community in the City of West Hollywood that are being violated.

Resident Lucas John member of the Lesbian and Gay Board attended meeting to introduce himself to the board.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Juarez shared that June 16, 2016 is the Transgender Los Angeles Job Fair.

Member Johnson proposed to limit the board comments to 3 minutes. Motion to limit the time a commissioner speaks per topic to 3 minutes. Motion seconded by Member O'Brien. Discussion held about the time limit. 6 yays 3 nays. Motion passes. Staff will prepare the next agenda with the time limits.

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 given 25 years to life. Worked with the LAPD on victim's rights. Thanked WAB for honoring Connie Norman. Member Samala spoke of 1024 San Vicente Blvd. A Transgender woman was found dead last Saturday. Feb 26, 2016 Chrissy Ru. March 15, 2016 new board Transgender Advisory Board. Los Angeles

Chair Wen spoke about the 7 Transgender Community Members who have lost their lives in the past 2 months. Chair Wen spoke about national events and articles that involved the Transgender Community. Chair Wen also spoke about March being Women's History Month.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.A Goals: The board went over the goals for the year.

GOAL #1: Solicit & Communicate Information & Recommendations to Council

- Promoting Trans Community to Non-Trans Community - All
- Provide advocacy on issues related to Community to Council - All

GOAL #2: Assist in implementing Council-approved programs

- Trans Voter Empowerment Event: James/Drian/Kean – April 2, 2016
- Transgender Job Fair: Drian – November 2016
- Trans Empowerment Series: Jaye – Program coordination shifted to private org.
- Transgender Mural Project – Drian / Kean – Chair Wen provided draft mural guidelines from his attendance of the WeHo Arts & Cultural Commission mtg.
- Educational Seminars w/Sheriffs & Businesses – Karina / Kean

GOAL #3: Assist Council to provide link & advocate for community & residents.

- Participate in Citywide events - All
- Assist community with understanding major city policies/rules/regulations – All
- Outreach to Other Cities / Uniting Trans Community – James/Board
- Homeless – James / Karina / Coco
 - Resident Nil Zilberman discussed that his goal for the year should be no Transgender homeless this year and also to open up a homeless shelter.
- Employment – Drian / James
- LA Transgender Advisory Council – Karina to provide monthly updates
- Transgender Healthcare – Karina/Justine/Jaye

GOAL #4: Serve to assist Council to stimulate public interest

- Provide info for community via media re: WeHo services & events – All & Staff
- Strengthen relationship w/ Trans Latino – Mariana / James

8B. League of Women Voters-Los Angeles (LWVLA)/West Hollywood Event: Members spoke of the event and what will be happening. A discussion took place about what will the event be. Member Kean and Johnson and Lachine spoke of not feeling comfortable with the morphing of the event. Member Juarez spoke of the simple event that was planned as morphed into a large scale event that was not planned. A simple easy event that the board had agreed to do. Chair Wen reminded Board that it voted to support LWVLA during its televised November meeting & again during its January meeting when LWVLA presented its event plans. Member Marroquin spoke of the board needing to look to help the community on the true needs of the community. Chair Wen indicated that program agenda expanded with a discussion to include: Poll Worker employment opportunities & volunteering to with LWVLA to help register voters. Motion by Member Johnson to remove the Transgender Advisory Board support. No second. Motion to place language supported (vs. "sponsored") by the TAB, Member Kean seconded. 6 2 1 Motion passes.

8C. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2016. Members spoke about the upcoming event.

9. New Business

9A. Christopher Street West: Craig Bowers spoke concerning CSW. Open for ideas for the parade and festival concerning the Transgender Community.

9B. Transgender Month of Awareness: Member Johnson spoke of needing a calendar of the month of November. He also spoke of needing more events. Need to reach out now to organizations to see what they are doing for the month of November. Member Lachine spoke of the importance of adding new events. Member Lachine will be in charge of the calendar. Chair Wen shared that the Transgender Panels created by One Archives were completed, and soon available for display. Member Johnson spoke about working on the project.

9C. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News: None

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

TransCon Los Angeles Transgender Convention Overview

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nir Silverman spoke of the board treatment of each other.

Rachael Lucky Executive Director of TransCon the Los Angeles Transgender Convention to be held in April 2017. Ms. Lucky spoke of looking for host committee and honorary board members. Asked for the board to have the City Council sponsor the event.

12. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Gonzalez thanked the board, staff, and audience that consistently come out to the meetings.

Member Johnson thanked the staff for her work. Member Johnson also thanked the board for the work they do.

Chair Wen apologized to Ms. Eyres and Mr. Zilberman for having to wait last meeting.

13. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

14. ADJOURNMENT (9:10 pm)

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn in the name of Monica Loera of Austin Texas; check the page and place in add Karinas.. Next meeting to be held on April 6, 2016 at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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