

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR MAY 4, 2016**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 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 Bonnie Smith

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve April 6, 2016 meeting minutes by Member Samala. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passes.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**N/A**

**7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chair Wen spoke about placing a CSW item on the agenda for June.

Member Samala spoke about the death of Transgender Community member Kourtney Yuchum of Los Angeles, CA.

Member Juarez spoke about being frustrated with Christopher Street West and the treatment of the Transgender Community by CSW

Member Justine Gonzalez spoke about being frustrated with Christopher Street West and the treatment of the Transgender Community by CSW

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8A. Goals**

Member Johnson spoke about removing the ongoing goal spreadsheet. Member Johnson spoke about the process of the timeframe of how and when items should be sent to council. Member Johnson asked that goals be brought forth in September so we are not mid way thru a year. Motion Johnson asked to schedule an agenda item for every September that would include setting goals. Friendly motion that a list is provided in August. Motion passes with one exception. Motion to get rid of goals list and concentrate on TDOR Trans pride and Transgender month and other pertinent events. Friendly discussion took place. Motion approved, one opposed.

Resident: Victor Omelczenko resident of West Hollywood spoke about having the board members work on the homeless needs and also spoke about the budget survey and how the board could be a part of the budget process.

#### 8B. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2016

CeCe McDonalds was listed as a person that might be of interest to be invited to the TDOR.

Member O'Brien added more details concerning her plight.

Need to set meeting date for the TDOR.

Provide bio's for the next meeting on who they would like to have speak at TDOR

Member Johnson spoke also the need to bring in info on performers

Member Juarez spoke about wanting to work on a theme or a t-shirt for the event.

Board spoke about do we need a theme

Event date to go on the card

DOR program from 1 pm – 4 pm

March to take place at 3 pm

Member Johnson motion to start event at 1 pm

Motion passes 2 abstains

Members looking for a location for an after party

#### 8C. Transgender Month of Awareness

Member Lachine spoke about working on a monthly calendar... Staff to send info

Member Johnson spoke about One Archive (need to display the area)

Need to look at hosting at the library

Art exhibit transman health la exhibit might get for the month

Resident Nir Silverman spoke concerning Holocaust Day. Spoke about an email he had received from a member of the Transgender community.

### **9. New Business**

#### 9A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News:

Chair Wen discussed the chorus and having tickets available for TCLA concert.

Spoke of Saint John's transforming existing restrooms into gender neutral restrooms.

Asked if any members of the board have recommendations for the council. Look to page one (congress urges national survey to include questions on SO/GI. Chair Wen asked the board to support a motion to the council to ask. Member Lachine made a motion for a resolution for data collection. To support.

Member Kean second. 7 yes

Document be scanned and set to council.

Chair Wen spoke about state needing more education (including Tenn)

Member Lachine spoke concerning a book (Raising Riley)

#### 9B. June Meeting

Will be moved to either June 2nd, 6th, or 7th,

#### 9C. One City, One Pride will send to board on email

Member Johnson asked the board to look to see how the board could be more active in the upcoming year. Want to know from Mike Che how we can become more involved.

### **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

N/A

### **11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Victor Omelczenko resident of West Hollywood spoke about LA Pride Music Festival

## **12. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Juarez thanked the board and the audience attending,

Member Justine thanked the staff and the public for attending, spoke of being ok to disagree but good to move forward. Spoke of the dedication to the community and what each person brings to the

Member Johnson thanked staff for her work with the board. Thanked the board for helping to move the community forward. Spoke of June 1<sup>st</sup> Central Library Drian Juarez will be hosting the event. Entire event is creating and for the community.

Member De La Cruz thanked staff and board members, for all their hard work

Chair Wen spoke about attending a meeting with Member Marroquin, and Trans 101 with Drian Juarez. Thanked staff and board for all their work tonight.

## **13 REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

City Outreach  
Employment

## **14. ADJOURNMENT (8:25 pm)**

The Transgender Advisory Board will meet next on June 2, 2016, at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048. Adjourned in memory of Courtney Yokum and victims of the Holocaust.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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