

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The December 8, 2016, regular meeting of the City of West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chair Lucas John in the First-Floor Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Megan Cotanch.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Megan Cotanch, Kate Eggert, Robert Gamboa, Lucas John, Sue LaVaccare, Matt Palazzolo, and Marquita Thomas

Not Present: James Duke Mason and Robert Oliver

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were staff members Jeff Book and Kim Patterson.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of November 10, 2016, meeting were approved, with Megan Cotanch, Kate Eggert, and Matt Palazzolo abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were none.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Lesbian Space – Numerous ideas were raised including creating a social space, pop-ups such as an art fair, food truck night, music festival, lesbian pride, monthly bar crawl, and perhaps a combination of the above at a 3-day weekend of events. Marquita Thomas moved, seconded by Robert Gamboa, to help cultivate a revived Lesbian Visibility Committee,

with the intention of increasing lesbian engagement and enrichment in the community.

The Advisory Board also would like to invite Elisabeth Sandberg from The L Project to speak about that group's work.

There was discussion of having one upcoming meeting focus entirely on lesbian issues, with prior publicity by the City to invite lesbians to attend.

2. LGBT Future – The Advisory Board discussed how to help rising generations of the community to know how to organize and accomplish policy goal; having information that is readily available on what to do in certain situations, such as an unfavorable court ruling; sponsoring a community meeting with speakers on the implications of legal changes that may occur under the next president; and ways to encourage LGBT businesses to locate and remain in the community. The Advisory Board will continue to discuss this in future meetings.

3. LGBT Signage – The Board discussed ways to mark the heritage of one of the last gay cities in the country, including both digital and permanent signs on kiosks at the borders of the City and throughout the main thoroughfares. There was also discussion about whether or not this was simply a patch to cover over the reality that many gay people are being priced out of West Hollywood due to rising rents.

B. SCREENING OF *LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED?*

Staff distributed information about the February 22, 2017, screening of Kim Rocco Shields' *Love Is All You Need?* Matt Palazzolo will create a flyer for the event.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff said the item regarding the LA LGBT Center's Youth Services music program is moving forward; nominations for the Rainbow Key Awards are requested by February 1, 2017; there have been no responses yet to the call for two community members to join the Bisexual Subcommittee; and the recent Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Health Conference was very successful.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Morin, resident, gave his appreciation for the work of the Board, and said that as the AIDS crisis coalesced the LGBT community, he thinks that the next administration may do the same. He also stated that he disagreed with the

proposal for a separate Lesbian Pride event which he thought might split the community.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON REPORT

There was no additional report.

B. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no liaison reports.

Robert Gamboa proposed to place on the January agenda the possibility of co-sponsoring a 10th anniversary event for the Tweakers Project. There was no objection. He said Councilmember Duran will be hosting a 10th anniversary event in February. He also distributed postcard announcements of #BOOM!, the alcohol & drug-free New Year's Eve party at West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

Kate Eggert announced that The Factory has been accepted for the National Register of Historic Places, based on its previous use as Mitchell Camera and as Studio One, making it first LGBT listing from the western half of the country. It will be reviewed at the May 2017 California Preservation Conference. Robert Gamboa noted that the Advisory Board had voted previously to support this designation.

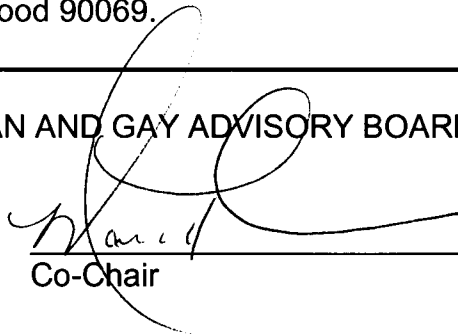
Lucas John nominated Wilson Cruz and Eric Paul Leue for the 2017 Rainbow Key Awards, and Kate Eggert nominated GLIDE, the group which speaks to students about gay and lesbian issues.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm in memory of the people who were killed in the Oakland warehouse fire.

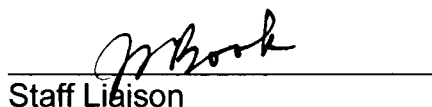
The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017, in the First-Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2017



Co-Chair

Attest:



Staff Liaison