

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The November 10, 2016, regular meeting of the City of West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order at 7:07 pm by Co-Chair Marquita Thomas 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 Lucas John.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Robert Gamboa, Lucas John, Sue LaVaccare,
James Duke Mason, Marquita Thomas

Not Present: Megan Cotanch, Kate Eggert, Robert Oliver,
Matt Palazzolo

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Social Services Manager David Giugni, Derek Murray, John Erickson and Jeff Book. There is one vacancy on the Board at this time.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Robert Gamboa, seconded by Marquita Thomas, with the change of moving Item 4A ahead of Item 2.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2016, were approved on a motion by Marquita Thomas, seconded by Robert Gamboa.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Seta Zorabian, business services representative at Jewish Vocational Services, spoke about their West Hollywood program, WeHo Works.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no board member comments at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. HIV ZERO TRANSMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, introduced the draft HIV Zero Initiative Strategic Plan. This began in 2015 with Councilmembers John D'Amico and John Duran, who called for a plan to reach zero HIV

Transmission, and for distribution of key information to the public. Aaron Celious, Ph.D., director of research and strategy with Maroon Society, spoke about the initiative's goals, including expanding access to health care, reducing infections, and reducing disparities in health care due to HIV. David Giugni said a baseline is being established based on Los Angeles County epidemiology reports and quarterly reports from the City's contracted social services agencies.

Board members discussed the prospects for the project, including a need to reach trans women who may not volunteer information; how to plan to respond to spikes in transmission; consideration of having a set health history form; and focus group testing of materials before printing.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. SCHEDULE FOR 2017 RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

The schedule for the 2017 Rainbow Key Awards was adopted on a motion by Lucas John, seconded by James Duke Mason.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LGBT YOUTH CENTER MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

On a motion by Lucas John, seconded by Robert Gamboa, and approved without objection, the Advisory Board recommended to the City Council that \$2,500 from the budget for Gay and Lesbian Programs be allocated to reimburse the Music Education Program of the LA LGBT Youth Center.

B. WORKPLAN PRIORITIZATION

The Advisory Board reviewed results of last month's prioritization exercise for workplan goals, in which each board member assigned a ranking of A (3 points), B (2 points), or C (1 point) to their three top preferences from a list of possible subjects for the Board. With preferences added together, the top three were (1) Lesbian Spaces, 13 points; (2) LGBT Future, 11 points; and (3) LGBT signage, branding, gateway, kiosks, and the intersection of Santa Monica and San Vicente Boulevards, with 8 points. Other issues included citywide inclusive events; LGBT businesses and non-profits; education about substance abuse; ways to stop the loss of LGBT residents, and increase their numbers; PrEP education / women / data review / research; HIV, HPV, Hepatitis C, and STI's in general; screening series of films with LGBT relevance; and AIDS monuments or plaques.

Sue LaVaccare moved that the Board adopt the top three items as their next workplan. This was seconded by Robert Gamboa and approved 4 to 1, with Lucas John dissenting.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Dan Morin spoke about how WeHo Works assists with preparing resumes and other job search procedures, but does not do job placement; and about his concern with the Board losing Ruth Tittle as a member, and the possibility of asking the City Council to make sure at least one member of the Board is an older resident.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON REPORT

There was no additional report.

B. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no additional reports.

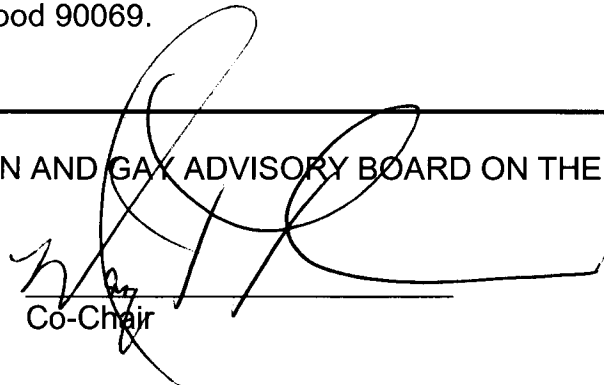
Robert Gamboa expressed concern with the results of the national election on November 8, 2016, and the importance of not losing rights that have been recognized in the last few years. Marquita Thomas said some community members do not know how to respond to such an event, including how or where to organize a rally. James Duke Mason said he was devastated by the results and that the consequences have yet to sink in on people.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 8, 2016, 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 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2016



Co-Chair

Attest:



Staff Liaison