

MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

MAY 11, 2017

7:00 PM

FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Marquita Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember John Duran led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. **ROLL CALL -**
PRESENT: Lauren Costine, Megan Cotanch, Kate Eggert, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Lucas John, James Duke Mason, Robert Oliver, Marquita Thomas
ABSENT: Sue LaVaccare
ALSO PRESENT: Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corey Roskin, Linda Heang, David Escobedo, Jeff Book
 - C. **INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**
Councilmember John Duran thanked the members of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board for the work they do for the City. He administered the oath of office to Jason Frazier, newly appointed member, who was congratulated by Board members on his appointment.
 - D. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Robert Gamboa moved to add Item 4. E. Consideration of a Memorial for the Victims of the Attack on Pulse, the Orlando FL nightclub, on June 12, 2016. This was seconded and adopted unanimously.

Robert Gamboa moved to add Item 4. F. Consideration of Legislative Items. This was seconded and adopted unanimously.

With these amendments, James Duke Mason moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Robert Oliver and approved.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 13, 2017, meeting were approved on a motion by Robert Gamboa, seconded by Megan Cotanch, with Jason Frazier and Robert Oliver abstaining.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Max Landwirth of Landwirth Legacy Productions said he is working on the short film "L: A Story of Genderfluidity," which is believed to be the first film on this subject. He has discussed the City's process with Robert Oliver and staff, and requested to be on the next agenda to request an endorsement by the Advisory Board.
2. Lee Walkup, chair of Senior Advisory Board, spoke about Senior Awareness Month, including the Wellness Fair on Sept. 16. He spoke about the two new micro park projects on Santa Monica Boulevard, near Astro Burger and Fatburger. He plans to attend the California Democratic Convention in Sacramento, May 19-20.
3. Mike Che, Economic Development & Cultural Affairs Coordinator, spoke about Harvey Milk Day and upcoming One City One Pride LGBTQ Art Festival, which will run May 22 to June 30. June 3 will feature the Stuart Timmons history tour, with historical players in costume and context.

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. DYKE MARCH UPDATE

Staff reviewed plans for the Dyke March in June, including a poster- and pin-making workshop, speakers including Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, a march, and music. A card with special discounts will be available on the City's PickUp line that evening, with a playlist curated for the event.

With regard to the Etheridge Award, which the City has been presenting in conjunction with the Dyke March, staff asked the Advisory Board to consider incorporating it with the Rainbow Key Awards. Without objection, this topic was placed on an upcoming agenda.

B. 2017 RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Advisory Board members reviewed details in preparation for the 2017 Rainbow Key Awards, to be held June 14, 2017, in the Council Chambers.

Catering, decorations, script, awards fabrication, and other aspects were reviewed.

C. CONNECTION WITH THE BISEXUAL COMMUNITY

The Advisory Board discussed continuing with establishing connections with the Bisexual community. Robert Gamboa and Robert Oliver will speak with the community member who expressed interest in this, and report back to the Advisory Board.

D. NEXT STEPS ON WORKPLAN

The Advisory Board reviewed the three major topics of its workplan: (1) Lesbian Space, which didn't have a report this month; (2) LGBT Future, which had met and is researching cities with prominent gay areas, and is looking into how the Costa-Hawkins and Ellis Acts affect residents; and (3) LGBT Signage, which will continue although Board Member Kate Eggert, who led in this area, is leaving the Board.

E. CONSIDERATION OF A MEMORIAL FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE ATTACK ON PULSE, ORLANDO FL NIGHTCLUB, ON JUNE 12, 2016

Staff reported on the City Council action moving forward on locating a Memorial for this event, which will be taken up by the Public Facilities Commission, and referred for input to this Advisory Board.

The Board discussed holding a commemoration on the first anniversary of the event, which will be Monday, June 12, 2017. After discussion, the Board agreed to ask the City to hold a simple commemoration perhaps in the lobby of City Hall, and Board members will contact The Abbey to see about endorsing or co-sponsoring the remembrance they are doing. This was moved by Robert Gamboa, seconded by Megan Cotanch, and approved.

F. CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Robert Oliver, Robert Gamboa, and James Duke Mason reported on a phone conference they held with Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, and presented information on legislation of special interest.

With regard to Assembly Bill 800 (Chiu) regarding a hate crimes hotline, Robert Oliver moved to support the Governmental Affairs Liaison in taking the next steps toward City support for this legislation. This was seconded by Lucas John and approved, with Marquita Thomas abstaining.

With regard to Senate Bill 421 (Wiener) regarding the sex offender registry, Robert Oliver moved to ask the Governmental Affairs Liaison to review the terminology in Tier 1 of the bill's categories, to see if some offenses listed there should be in different tiers; and to inform the Board whether the City is supporting, opposing, or watching this bill. This was

seconded by Megan Cotanch and approved, with Lucas John and Marquita Thomas abstaining.

Marquita Thomas expressed interest in Senate Bill 239 (Wiener) regarding criminal penalties in connection with infectious and communicable diseases, including HIV and AIDS.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. LOST GIRLS: REDISCOVERING LESBIANS AND LESBIAN CULTURE IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

This item was carried over to the next agenda.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

With regard to the Board's action to recommend support for the music program of the LA LGBT Youth Center, staff said that a contract with the Center is required and will be prepared for City Council review and approval.

With regard to the Board's request for an ongoing chart of actions, staff said that this will be provided in connection with workplan updates.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional public comments.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON REPORT

Robert Gamboa said reports of aggravated assaults and rape continue to be an issue in West Hollywood. Robert Oliver attended the Public Safety Commission, which discussed red-light camera policies and possible enhanced enforcement of cars turning right on red without stopping.

B. LIAISON REPORTS

The chart of liaisons to other Commissions and Advisory Boards will be on the next agenda, so new members can select opportunities.

C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members expressed appreciation for the service of Board Members Kate Eggert and Matt Palazzolo, and regret that they are leaving.

Robert Oliver said that Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz is part of a resolution condemning the danger to the gay community in Chechnya, with a press conference on May 12 at LA City Hall. He

welcomed Max Landwirth to the meeting, and moved to place on the next agenda the possible endorsement of "L: A Story of Genderfluidity." This was seconded and unanimously approved.

Kate Eggert noted her departure due to relocating to North Hollywood. She spoke about attending the California Preservation Foundation, and difficulties faced with preserving The Factory and other properties of significance in LGBT history. She expressed interest in continuing to be involved through the Lesbian Visibility Committee.

Marquita Thomas reminded the Board of the installation of the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore on Monday, May 15. She spoke about attending a diversity recruitment event held by the FBI, and said that the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is holding a similar event for the CIA on May 23.

Robert Gamboa spoke about the Resist march being held on Pride Weekend, and about #Sizzle!, the alcohol-free space in the Pride Festival.

Lauren Costine said she will check with Kate Eggert for information on the LGBT Signage group.

James Duke Mason asked that the meeting be adjourned in remembrance of trans people still facing great challenges in life, and in recognition of Kate Eggert's service as a member of the Board.

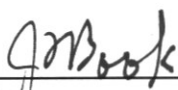
9. ADJOURNMENT:

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned at 9:23 pm in remembrance of trans people still facing great challenges in life, and in recognition of Kate Eggert's service as a member of the Board.

The next regular meeting is at 7 pm, Thursday, June 8, 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 13TH DAY OF APRIL 2017

Attest:



Staff Liaison



Co-Chair