

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2017**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday May 3, 2017
RSH Hearing Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Lachine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – John Erickson led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Chair Coco Lachine, James Wen, Erika De La Cruz, Dr. Jaye Johnson, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Leslie Frias. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Staff Liaison.

Absent: Justine Gonzalez.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda by Member Johnson seconded by Member De La Cruz and approved.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2017 by Member De La Cruz seconded by Member Wen and approved with changes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Karen Eyers, liaison for Women's Advisory Board, spoke concerning the Women's Leadership conference. Ms. Eyers also spoke about the Resist March and a show of support from allies. Ms. Eyers spoke of working in the foster system and children needing advocates.

John Erickson, City of West Hollywood Community Events, spoke concerning the Women's Leadership Conference. Mr. Erickson also spoke about an email to be sent out that will offer the leadership conference for free for all board and commission members. Mr. Erickson also thanked the board for the support of the Hollywood National Organization of Women (NOW) events.

Tory Berger, resident of West Hollywood, spoke about attending the midnight stroll with board members Wen and Samala. Mr. Berger spoke about the guests who attended the event. He spoke of building relationships as the walk moved about. Mr. Berger spoke of attending the Coffee with the Cops program. He encouraged people to attend future Coffee with the Cops programs.

Teri Maher, resident of West Hollywood, spoke concerning the WEHO Works Program. Ms. Maher highlighted the workshop featuring Michael Ajakwe, writer and producer of the new BET sitcom "Beauty and the Baller." The workshop is May 11, 2017 at the West Hollywood Library.

7. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Frias will be attending a regional training with National Minority AIDS Council on May 18 - 20, 2017. She thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Member De La Cruz spoke of marching in the May Day event. She spoke of how amazing it was and was thankful to see other board members there.

Member Juarez spoke concerning an article on Weherville concerning an experience that a Trans community member had at the restaurant Catch. Member Juarez let the board know that the Sheriff's Dept. released their Transgender policy and thought it would be a great idea to send a letter of thanks to the Department. Member Juarez also wants to relay to the Sheriff's Department that TAB is always available for training or information.

Member Wen asked that the meeting be adjourned in the name Sean Hakke and Chay Reed. Member Wen asked how to help community members find rehearsal room space within the City. Member Wen discussed Trans homelessness and the midnight strolls. Member Wen spoke about the Women's Advisory Board and gender data collection.

Member Samala thanked Mr. Berger for attending the Midnight Stroll. She explained how the Midnight Stroll came about. Member Samala spoke of May 4, 2017 being the National Day of Prayer. An event honoring National Day of Prayer will be held at Los Angeles City Hall on May 4.

Chair Lachine sent her congratulations to Councilmember Heilman and Duran on becoming Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore and inviting everyone to attend the reorganization on May 15th at Council Chambers.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Boy Scouts of America

SUBJECT: Should the Transgender Advisory Board hold a meeting for Boy Scout leaders.

Member Wen spoke about Brave Trails Leadership program (LGBTQ Youth Organization) wanting to have a workshop as part of their leadership program for youth. Member Wen spoke about Brave Trails wanting a meet and greet with Girls and Boys Scouts of America. Chair Lachine asked for clarity on who is in charge of this event.

ACTION: Motion by Member Wen for Scouts Committee to continue to explore working on Brave Trails Leadership program. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion passes, 7 ayes, one abstained.

B. Transgender Awareness Month Events

SUBJECT: Discussion of location for the Transgender Day of Remembrance and events to take place during the month.

Staff spoke about having requests out to the London Hotel, Fairfax High School, Taglan Hall, The Lot, and also working with the Chamber to look for space for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

ACTION: No action taken

C. CSW Transgender Friday Night Party

SUBJECT: The board discussed what type of entertainment they would like to see at the Friday night event.

Chair LaChine spoke of a conference call with producer of CSW event for the Friday night Transgender party. Chair LaChine once again asked for performers to be sent to her ASAP. Member Sanchez spoke of having a dance off component.

ACTION: None taken

D. Calendar of Events

SUBJECT: Discussion of events that are happening in May/June 2017.

Member Juarez spoke about Trans Pride hosted by Los Angeles LGBT Center being June 15th and June 16th with location to be announced.

ACTION: Member Johnson motioned to request City of West Hollywood to provide swag for transgender pride in an amount not to exceed \$800.00. Seconded by Member Wen. Motion approved 8 ayes.

E. Resist March

Subject: The board discussed how the Transgender Advisory Board can help unite groups for the Resist March.

Board discussed having products, such as flags and banners, for the event. Member Sanchez discussed ways to be more cohesive as a Trans Community. Member Wen discussed that there will be a conference call on May 5, 2017 concerning the march. Staff spoke letting the board know she would put together a list of product to share with the council.

ACTION: None Taken

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke concerning events in May.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Max Landwirth, resident of Los Angeles and film producer, spoke about events he has produced and about a new film he is producing. The film is titled "L" and is about gender fluidly. Mr. Landwirth described what the film will be about.

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Frias thanked the audience for attending. Thanked the board for all their hard work.

Member Juarez suggested a thank you be sent to Hollywood Now for producing the Vagina monologues.

Member Wen asked that data collection be placed on the next agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:07 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2017 beginning at 7 PM at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. in the Community Conference Room



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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