

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
JUNE 8, 2017
7:00 PM**

**FIRST-FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Marquita Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
 - A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – James Duke Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. **ROLL CALL** –
PRESENT: Lauren D. Costine, Megan Cotanch, Robert Gamboa, Lucas John, Sue LaVaccare, Samantha D. Lavin, James Duke Mason, Robert B. Oliver, and Marquita Thomas
ABSENT: Jason Frazier
ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Book, David Escobedo
 - C. **INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**
Councilmember Lauren Meister administered the oath of office to Samantha D. Lavin, who was welcomed by Board Members. Councilmember Meister thanked Board Members for their work and wished everyone a happy Pride Week.
 - D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
ACTION: Approve the agenda for June 8, 2017. Motion by Robert Gamboa, seconded by James Duke Mason, and approved.
 - E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: Approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017, meeting. Motion by Robert Oliver, seconded by Robert Gamboa, and approved.
 - F. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 1. A. Lee Walkup, chair of Senior Advisory Board and liaison to LGAB, spoke about the Pride Festival, #ResistMarch, and #SIZZLE!; noted that Board Member Frazier is on the AIDS LifeCycle ride; and thanked the Board for recommending Cleve Jones for a Rainbow Key Award.

2. Karen Eyres, vice chair of Women's Advisory Board, wished LGAB members a happy Pride week, and spoke about members of the Women's Advisory Board joining #ResistMarch on Sunday.

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Robert Gamboa asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kenne McFadden, a trans woman who was murdered in San Antonio, TX. Robert Oliver asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting on June 12, 2016.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2017 RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Board Members reviewed preparations and individual roles for the Rainbow Key Awards, to be held on June 14. Six of the seven honorees are expected in person. Plans have been made for fabrication of the awards as well as catering, flowers, video, sound, security, and photography.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There were no updates on the issues discussed at the last meeting. Marquita Thomas thanked Robert Oliver and Robert Gamboa for their work preparing that update in May.

Sue LaVaccare raised the issue of partitioning an individual's electronic medical record so that some information can be excluded when visiting countries where the information might pose a threat to the individual's safety. The topic will be raised with the City's governmental affairs liaison.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Ann P. Meredith had sent word that she appreciated the Board's interest in supporting this project, but for now she is going a different way with regard to funding.

B. L: A STORY OF GENDERFLUIDITY

Max Landwirth spoke about his project, which is intended to be the first film featuring a genderfluid performer playing a genderfluid role. He requested the Board's endorsement, which has no financial component. Members discussed whether it was necessary to read the script prior to endorsing the project. Max Landwirth said he will keep the Board informed

about the contents of the project as it moves forward.

ACTION: Robert Oliver moved to endorse the project. This was seconded by James Duke Mason, and approved 5 to 0, with four members abstaining (Lauren Costine, Megan Cotanch, Sue LaVaccare, and Samantha Lavin).

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no Excluded Consent items.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff provided a flyer for the Dyke March, to be held June 9, 2017, with a program of speakers. Sue LaVaccare thanked Corey Roskin and David Giugni for speaking at recent LGAB meetings and welcoming input from members.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ronda Dixon of JVS West Hollywood spoke about a Diversity Job Fair to be held in Plummer Park on June 16.
2. A gentleman who said he was speaking on behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Los Angeles field office and its LGBT Advisory Committee spoke about steps taken to increase diversity at the FBI, including the establishment of diversity as a core value. He noted that the Rainbow and Trans flags, with information about Pride, are on display this week in the elevator corridor of the Federal Building in Westwood, where the FBI's Los Angeles field office is based.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A. PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON REPORT

There was no report from liaison to Public Safety Commission.

B. LIAISON REPORTS

There were no reports from liaisons to other boards and commissions.

C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members welcomed Samantha Lavin, who spoke about her work as a filmmaker who has active in the Directors Guild (DGA).

Lauren Costine is getting information from former Board Member Kate Eggert about LGBT Signage, and will connect with other board members working on this.

James Duke Mason, Robert Gamboa, and Sue LaVaccare are on the planning committee for #ResistMarch.

Marquita Thomas spoke about the Out at Universal event, planned for

June 9.

Robert Gamboa spoke about #SIZZLE!, the alcohol and substance-free area at Pride; about the Stuart Timmons tour of West Hollywood history; and about the safety preparations for #ResistMarch.

Robert Oliver said he will be marching on Sunday with the Anti-Defamation League.

Sue LaVaccare recommended using Metro to access the march. She spoke about the City's funding for Lesbian and Bisexual women's health, and about attending a recent training for health administrators.

9. ADJOURNMENT:


On a motion by Robert Gamboa, seconded by James Duke Mason and approved, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned at 8:15 pm in memory of Kenne McFadden, a trans woman who was murdered in San Antonio, TX, and in memory of the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting on June 12, 2016, to their next regular meeting, which is at 6 pm, Tuesday, July 13, 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 JULY 2017



Co-Chair

Attest:



Staff Liaison