

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR JULY 5, 2017**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday July 5, 2017  
Community Conference 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** – Member Sanchez led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Chair Coco Lachine, James Wen, Dr. Jaye Johnson, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, and Lindsey Deaton. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Staff Liaison.  
  
Absent: Leslie Frias and Erika De La Cruz
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda by Member Johnson seconded by Member Sanchez and approved.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve the minutes of May, 2017 by Member Samala seconded by Member Sanchez and approved with changes.
6. **SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**  
Member Lindsey Deaton (Councilmember Meister) sworn in.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Tory Berger, resident of West Hollywood and Public Safety Commissioner, spoke concerning the article in the Weherville about how members of the Transgender community are treated in nightlife establishments. Mr. Berger offered his support to the community. Mr. Berger said he spoke with Block by Block Security Ambassadors and let the board know that Block by Block Ambassadors are available to assist people walking out of establishments.
8. **MEMBER COMMENTS**  
Member Juarez welcomed Member Deaton. Member Juarez spoke of wanting to place on the agenda businesses that are not friendly to the Transgender community.  
  
Member Wen thanked Mr. Berger for coming out and showing support to the Transgender community. Member Wen welcomed Member Deaton. Member Wen asked the board to read the Brave Trail paperwork provided. He also spoke of Senator Kaine and his work introducing legislation to protect LGBTQ people from housing discrimination. Member Wen spoke of reviewing goals that the City of West Hollywood Social Services Division had developed from last year involving the Transgender community.

Member Samala welcomed Member Deaton to the board. Member Samala also supported having some form of action for businesses who are not Transgender community friendly.

Member Lachine spoke about needing additional information to provide to the City Council concerning incidents involving the Transgender community and their treatment at local clubs.

Member Deaton spoke of being grateful for being a client of the Transgender Empowerment program. Member Deaton also spoke of being grateful to the City of West Hollywood and Transgender Board for the work they do.

Member Sanchez welcomed Member Deaton. She spoke of the importance of having a good working relationship with the business.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. CSW Transgender Friday Night Party**

*SUBJECT: The board discussed the CSW event for the Transgender Community.*

The board did a recap of the Transgender Pride event. Member Samala spoke of attending the event. Member Samala spoke of no CSW board member attending the event. Member Wen spoke of there being a smaller attendance than last year. Parking may have been a concern for attendees. Member Wen did reach out to performers and CSW to attempt to connect performers who wanted to participate. Transgender Community members would love to have a debrief as was done last year.

Member Sanchez spoke of the low attendance may be due to construction issues. Member Sanchez spoke of having appropriate presenters. Member Johnson spoke of working on the event to provide an entertainment list. He spoke talent not receiving any information being given to them until 2 days out from the event. Member Johnson spoke of needing the board to be more active in their role for next year if the board wants that. Member Wen did think the talent did represent the community. Chair Lachine spoke of the City providing money for the Transgender Pride event that is produced by CSW. Chair Lachine spoke of low attendance due to poor advertising, and rushed planning. Chair Lachine spoke of requesting an accounting of the funds spent on the Transgender Party. Chair Lachine spoke of wanting to understand the process of how the honorees were chosen that night. Member Deaton spoke of wanting the City Council to use the same format for accounting that is used for groups that access the city grants. Universal Studios and Dodger game also at the same time.

Resist March: Member Wen attended the event. Community was happy with the law enforcement presence. Member Wen thanked the law enforcement for their presence. Member Deaton spoke of being on the board for the march. Member Deaton spoke of the community getting very good visibility at the march. Member Samala spoke of speaking and working with the organizer from the march. Chair Lachine spoke of media coverage and the great visual of the Transgender Flag.

## **B. Trans Pride, Recap**

*SUBJECT: The board discussed Trans Pride 2017.*

Member Sanchez spoke of what an honor to staff the table. Member Sanchez spoke of the turnout for the event. Member Juarez spoke of the attendance being 1600 people. Can we do branded swag? Check for next year. Could look into for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

## **C. 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 secured a location at Pan Am Park. Staff also spoke of working with Economic Development on the rental of the Lot.

Member Johnson asked for work to begin on a calendar of events for November.

## **D. Calendar of Events**

*SUBJECT: Discussion of events that are happening in July 2017.*

**ACTION:** Tabled

## **E. Boy Scouts of America**

*SUBJECT: Update on Boy Scouts of America training*

Member Wen gave an update on Brave Trails. Member Wen presented a proposed work shop proposal. Member Wen made a motion to approve a proposal to participate in the LGBT Brave Trails camp. Seconded by Member Samala. Member Johnson spoke of what level of support was Member Wen asking for? Member Wen asked that if available TAB members attend, and also have a political person make a video or attend. Member Johnson and Chair Lachine asked member Wen to consider having more youth related topics. More interaction with the youth would be great.

**ACTION:** Member Wen made a motion to approve a proposal to participate in the LGBT Brave Trails camp. Seconded by Member Samala. Motion passes, 7 ayes.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff spoke concerning July events in the City.

Staff spoke of receiving information by July 17<sup>th</sup> – for the Transgender Resource Guide. Member Johnson will like to receive all information before it goes to social services staff.

Motion by Member Johnson to move monthly meetings to 6 PM. Seconded by Member Juarez.

**ACTION:** Motion by Member Johnson to move monthly meetings to 6 PM. Seconded by Member Juarez.. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstaining.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Juarez thanked the board for help with the grant for the Trans Providers Photo Exhibit.

Member Wen spoke of Coffee with the Cops and the Midnight Stroll. Member Wen spoke of adding dance to Transgender Day of Remembrance. Member Wen adjourned in the names of Brenda Bostick, Sherrell Faulkner, Rowan Elijah, and Meeno Baji.

Member Samala spoke of the Transgender community needing to work together instead of fighting with each other. Member Samala spoke of the community needing to be more protective of each other.

Member Sanchez welcomed Member Deaton.

Member Johnson spoke for working on an app for the Transgender Community. Member Johnson asked for content to go on the app. Member Johnson spoke of receiving a grant for pop up film school during November.

Member Deaton spoke for being happy to be on the board.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned in the names of Brenda Bostick, Sherrell Faulkner, Rowan Elijah, and Meeno Baji at 8:25 to a regularly scheduled meeting on August 2, 2017 beginning at 6 PM at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. in the Community Conference Room.

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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

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Staff Liaison

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