

**TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 8, 2017  
6:00 PM  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BLVD.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Member Wen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Dr. Jaye Johnson, James Wen, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez  
Karina Samala, Leslie Frias, Erica De La Cruz, and Lindsey Deaton  
ABSENT: Coco LaChine  
ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda.*

**ACTION:** Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, November 8, 2017. Motion by Member Sanchez to approve the November 8 agenda, seconded by Member Samala, and approved.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of prior Transgender Advisory meetings.*

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of October 4, 2017. Motion by Member Sanchez, seconded by Member Samala, approved with changes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Eysers, resident of West Hollywood spoke about the I am Jazz Community Reading to be hosted at the West Hollywood Library on December 7, 2017

Matt G, of the West Hollywood Library spoke about the I am Jazz Community Reading to be hosted at the West Hollywood Library on December 7, 2017

7. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Member Juarez thanked the audience for attending the meeting and the importance of the appointments of the Transgender Community members to public office. Member Juarez also spoke about the Transgender job fair being hosted on November 9<sup>th</sup> by TEEP and the City of West Hollywood.

Member Deaton thanked the audience for being there. She suggested the library reach out to (need person's name) who has been touring and reading the I am Jazz book.

Member Frias thanked the audience for attending the meeting and spoke of her joy of being there.

Member Sanchez thanked the audience for attending the meeting and spoke of her joy of being there.

Member De La Cruz thanked the audience for being there. Member De La Cruz spoke about the Trans Latina Coalition and the services they offer.

Member Samala welcomed the audience and thanked them for being there. Member Samala spoke of attending the Los Angeles City Hall kick off for Transgender Awareness Month. Member Samala also spoke the Transgender Day of Remembrance event being hosted by Queen Victoria.

Member Wen welcomed the audience, and thanked community for participating in Transgender Month of Awareness. Member Wen spoke of attending a Transmen Camp where issues including race and transmen health were discussed. He congratulated all of the newly elected LGBT officials, especially his trans brothers & sisters. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in the names of Cash Askew, Em Bohika, Riley Fritz who died in the December 2016 Oakland Fire, and India Monroe, a 29 year old black transwoman who died on December 21st to complete the year 2016. He also acknowledged two October transgender murders: Stephanie Montez and Candace Towns.

Chair Johnson welcomed and thanked the audience for coming. He thanked the ONE Archives for their work on the Transgender History Exhibit. Chair Johnson also shared all the events planned for the Transgender Community for the month of November.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will give out awards to community providers*

The following community providers received awards from the board

Rudy Akbarian Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center

Erik Adamian Executive Director, Jennifer Gregg, Nick Bihl, ONE Archives Foundation

Oscar De La O, President CEO, Bienestar Human Services

## **9. Councilmember Comments**

Councilmember Meister spoke to the board and community about the election of the 4 Transgender Community members thru out the United States. Councilmember Meister spoke of the continuing unity of the City and the community.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **Transgender Awareness Month Events**

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

Action: Chair Johnson gave an update of the events.

Recommendation: Receive Information

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

N/A

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

N/A

## **12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

Member Deaton thanked Councilmember Meister for her placement on board. She thanked the City Council and staff for all their hard work and commitment to the community.

Member Frias thanked Councilmember Meister for attending the meeting. She thanked the City Council and staff for all their hard work and commitment to the community. She spoke of her joy of being part of Bienestar and the work they do.

Member Sanchez thanked Councilmember Meister for attending the meeting. She thanked the City Council and staff for all their hard work and commitment to the community. She thanked the award winners for their work.

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Member Samala thanked Councilmember Meister for attending the meeting. She thanked the City Council and staff for all their hard work and commitment to the community. She thanked the award winners for their work.

Member Wen congratulated all of the TAB Awardees, and thanked Councilmember Meister for her words of affirmation for the transgender community's watershed moment in history. He invited community members to attend the City of West Hollywood

Veterans Day event spotlighting a transgender veteran, and thanked the West Hollywood Library and Women's Advisory Board for speaking in support of the I am Jazz Community Reading & expressed his interest to help. He also spoke of Transgender Day of Remembrance, and thanked staff for locating this year's TDOR venue with increased stage capacity which will allow large group participation for Reading of the Names.

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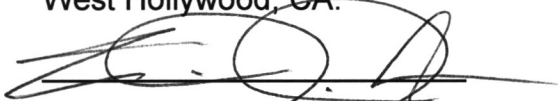
Member Juarez thanked Councilmember Meister for attending the meeting. She thanked the City Council and staff for all their hard work and commitment to the community. She thanked the award winners for their work. Member Juarez spoke of the importance of the board, in the importance of being out in the community. She spoke of how important it is for the Trans youth of today to see what positive impacts the Transgender community can have.

**13. ADD TO AGENDA:**

**Sponsorship of I am Jazz Community Reading**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 6:54 PM in the memory Cash Askew, Em Bohika, Riley Fritz, Stephanie Montez and Candace Towns. The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2017 in the EOC at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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