

**TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2018
6:00 PM
625 N. SAN VICENTE BLVD.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chair Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Dr. Jaye Johnson, James Wen, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez
Karina Samala, 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, January 3, 2018. Motion by Member Juarez to approve the January 3, 2017 agenda, seconded by Member Sanchez, 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 December 6, 2017. Motion by Member Samala, seconded by Member De La Cruz, and approved.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

7. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Member Monroy spoke of being happy to be on the board. She spoke of being a transgender women and living with HIV. Spoke of the struggles of the community and how the boards most keep strong for everyone,

Member De La Cruz wished everyone Happy New Year. She spoke of being happy to be part of the board.

Member Samala wished everyone a Happy New Year. She spoke that moving forward the board must continue to fight for the rights of the Transgender community.

Member Sanchez wished everyone Happy New Year. She spoke of the past year and giving back and carrying all the positives of the past year forward.

Member Juarez wished everyone a Happy New Year. She spoke the joy of the county moving forward, and also the safety of the City of West Hollywood community. She spoke of the job all board members must do in the oncoming year to help make all Tran's members more visible.

Member Wen wished everyone a Happy New Year. Member Wen spoke of the importance of making the community more visible. He also spoke of wanting to continue to share with the board updates on the military. Member Wen shared the following members of the Trans community who had been murdered in the past month He asked the meeting to be adjourned in the names. Adjournment motions..brandy seals, women murdered in Houston, misgendered brandy. Member Wen spoke of law enforcement and media continuing to misgender people. Member Wen thanked Member Sanchez and community members for their work on the New Year Eve special event Boom. Member Wen gave an update on a member of the Transgender community that thru reported on a transgender community member who has been living at a shelter with help for the social services dept. Monday Bienestar sunset the HRC will be doing some painting

Member Deaton wished everyone a Happy New Year and offered a Buddhist blessing to the group.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8A. NEW BUSINESS: Jessica Weissbuch of Brave Trail Camp spoke concerning Brave Trails and Day of Visibility

Recommendations: Discuss the board involvement with Brave Trails for Transgender Day of Visibility in March 2018.

Action: Transgender Advisory Board supported the idea of Brave Trails holding a Transgender Day of Visibility event but did not vote to participate or sponsor.

8B. NEW BUSINESS: Discuss if the Transgender Advisory Board would support the "I am Jazz" Community Reading at the West Hollywood Library on December 7, 2017

Recommendation: Member Wen spoke about the event and he said that Jessica Herthel, co-author of I am Jazz, will be attending the event, which is to be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4 PM at West Hollywood Library.

Action: Transgender Advisory Board will support the "I am Jazz" Community Reading at the West Hollywood Library on December 7, 2017.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9A. Transgender Awareness Month Events

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Transgender Day of Remembrance and events that will take place during the month of November.

Action: Chair spoke of the month of events. He spoke of the march once again not taking place on November 20, 2018 due to location of event and the safety of a night march.

Member De La Cruz spoke in support of having a march on Day of Remembrance. She suggested moving the march to earlier in the day.

Member Juarez spoke against having a march earlier in the day due to people's work schedule.

Staff spoke of moving the march to a day time weekend event. A march and a party to kick off the month of November.

Chair Johnson spoke in agreement to having a march and party to start the month.

Member Sanchez and Member Juarez spoke in support of having a march and party to kick off the month of November.

Recommendation: None at this time. Staff to look into location for the November 20, 2018 event.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

N/A

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Juarez thanked staff for her work and wished the board Happy Holidays. Member Juarez spoke of the joy of working with the board. She spoke of wanting to have a campaign for businesses owners in the City of West Hollywood that asks for a commit of zero harrassement of the Transgender Community.

Member Sanchez spoke concerning being on the planning group for "Boom," the drug and alcohol free event held in the City of West Hollywood. Member Sanchez spoke of needing 100 volunteers for the event.

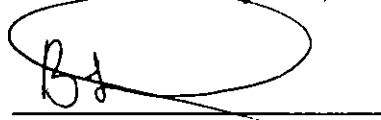
- 13. ADD TO AGENDA:**
Proposed Motions Regarding SB 396
Transgender Awareness Month 2018
Trans Lateral Violence

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 6:48 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2018 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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