

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULAVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Samala led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Johnson, Samala, Sanchez, Juarez, Fairchild and Wen
ABSENT: Deaton, De La Cruz and Monroy
ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor
4. **ELECTIONS**
SUBJECT: Election for Chair and Vice Chair
ACTION: Members elected Member Sanchez to Chair with Members Wen, Fairchild, Sanchez and Johnson voting yes.
Members elected Member Juarez to Vice Chair with Members Wen, Fairchild, Sanchez, Samala, and Johnson voting yes.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: *The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda.*
ACTION: Motion by Member Samala to approve the July 10, 2018 agenda, seconded by Member Sanchez. Motion passes with Members Wen, Juarez, Fairchild and Johnson voting yes.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
SUBJECT: *The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting.*
ACTION: Motion by Member Sanchez to approve the June 6, 2018 minutes, seconded by Member Samala. Motion passes with Members Johnson, Fairchild Juarez, Wen and Fairchild voting yes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

8. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Juarez stated she was happy to be back and hoping for a busy year. She thanked the audience for attending.

Member Wen thanked Chair Johnson and welcomed Member Juarez back. Member Wen thanked the City and CSW for the pride festival. He spoke of getting out the "Save the Date" postcards for the City of West Hollywood Transgender events in November and HRC for their assistance in helping distribute the postcards along the parade route. He spoke of attending "Coffee with the COPPS" and a conversation with the officers about Poinsettia Park. He spoke of the Los Angeles Transgender Advisory Council meeting next Thursday, July 19 at 6 PM at Los Angeles City Hall to discuss Poinsettia Park.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked Chair Johnson for his service and the board for their support of her in the next year. She thanked Member Fairfield for her help at Trans Pride event held at the LA LGBT Center. She spoke of her new job and recruiting the community to volunteer at events.

Member Fairchild spoke of being happy to be on the board and thanked the board for the nomination to be Chair.

Member Samala thanked Chair Johnson for his work and wished Member Sanchez good luck on her year ahead. She spoke of her work with the LAPD and the Trans Community.

Chair Johnson thanked the members of the board who attended the Pop up Film Festival.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH

Subject: The Board will discuss events to take place in November.

Staff discussed with the Transgender Advisory Board that the Jeremy Hotel on Sunset Blvd. has a ballroom that holds 750 guests. Staff is waiting to speak to a hotel manager regarding the space.

Tracy Paaso, City of West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, spoke about offering City businesses Trans 101 Sensitivity Training. Ms. Passo spoke about developing a Transgender Awareness Training with Chambers from local cities. Ms. Paaso is working with Trans Can Work to host some classes. Staff suggested to Ms. Passo that City and the Chamber coordinate on the seminars being planned. Member Johnson suggested that TransLA also could be involved in the planning process. Member Wen spoke about doing some events before November. Member Juarez suggested that the LA LGBT Center also be involved. Member Johnson inquired how the board could be of service to the chamber.

Staff spoke to the board about the importance of making the November events successful by having the board involved in the planning and attending of the events.

Member Johnson shared that the wellness fair website will launch in the month of July.

Action: Staff to speak to manager of the Jeremy and report back to board. Staff to coordinate with the Chamber and report back to board.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff informed the Transgender Advisory Board that the August 1st meeting will be held at City Hall (8300 Santa Monica Boulevard).

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen thanked the Chamber and audience for attending.

Member Fairchild announced that a bar will be putting together a Tran's event in Silver Lake.

Member Juarez thanked the audience and thanked Chair Johnson for his work. She spoke of the television show Pose and recommended that the board watch it.

Member Johnson reminded the board to start thinking of who they would like to give out awards to in November. Member Johnson thanked the board for their support. He spoke of the privilege of sitting on the board and how amazing it is that he gets to serve the community.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 6:47 PM. The next **Special meeting** is scheduled for August 1, 2018 in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard City Hall.


CHAIR

Bonnie Smith
Staff

August 1, 2018