

**MINUTES  
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**AUGUST 9, 2018  
7:00 PM**

**FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL  
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Jason Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alana Roshay.

**B. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**

**ACTION:** Councilmember Lauren Meister administered the oath of office to her appointee, Alana Roshay, who was installed as a member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board. She was congratulated by the Board.

**C. ROLL CALL –**

**PRESENT:** Lauren Costine, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, James Duke Mason, Alana Roshay, Sepi Shyne, Marquita Thomas

**ABSENT:** Megan Cotanch, John Erickson, Lucas Junkin

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Giugni, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Corey Roskin, David Escobedo, and Jeff Book.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Approval of the agenda was moved by Robert Gamboa, seconded by Alana Roshay, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approval of the minutes of the July 12, 2018, meeting was moved by Alana Roshay, seconded by Lauren Costine, and approved 5 to 0 on a roll call vote, with James Duke Mason and Marquita Thomas abstaining.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Lee Walkup noted the passing of Rita Norton, founding president of the West Hollywood Friends of the Library. He said the City Council meeting of August 6, 2018, was shocking, because of disruption by some audience members. He spoke about 2019 being the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising.

2. Alexis Sanchez, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Board, spoke about events at the City Council meeting on August 6, 2018. She also spoke about The West Hollywood Project of the Institute for Public Strategies.

3. Mike Che, the City's Arts Coordinator, spoke about One City One Pride and the arts project grant. He requested that at the next meeting, the Advisory Board select one person to serve on a review panel for the arts grant, to meet from 5 to 7 pm on Thursday, October 11, 2018.

4. Carlos Sosa of C.I.T.Y.x1 Youth Group requested that the Advisory Board continue its support for The Big Feast, the group's banquet on the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

5. Corey Roskin spoke about the second annual Lambda LitFest Los Angeles, to be held Sept. 29 – Oct. 6, 2018, beginning with a full day of programming at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, and closing at Fiesta Hall with a live taping of the LA Review of Books podcast, featuring Patrisse Cullors, co-founder of Black Lives Matter.

#### **F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Jason Frazier noted that he and Lauren Costine are beginning their service as co-chairs at this meeting. He welcomed the newest members, Alana Roshay and Sepi Shyne. Lauren Costine said she was excited to be in the role of co-chair, and that she looks forward to the Board having successful meetings.

Alana Roshay said she has lived in West Hollywood since 2010, and has been involved in many community activities, including Outfest, the Dyke March, and as one of the organizers of Lez Do Brunch!

Sepi Shyne said she agrees with the need for respect and efficiency in how the Advisory Board does business, and is excited to work with everyone.

**ACTION:** Marquita Thomas moved to place the request from C.I.T.Y. x1 Youth Group on the next agenda. This was approved by consensus.

Robert Gamboa spoke about the City Council's approval of the AmBi event.

Lauren Costine welcomed new members Alana Roshay and Sepi Shyne.

James Duke Mason also welcomed the new meetings. He said it had been an honor and a pleasure to be co-chair with Megan Cotanch this last year, and he was glad about the Board's accomplishments. He also spoke about the City's visibility in opposition to the policies of the Trump Administration.

Jason Frazier shared that he spoke at the City Council meeting in support of the AmBi event.

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. PLANS IN HONOR OF MATT PALAZZOLO**

It was moved by Lauren Costine, seconded by James Duke Mason, and unanimously approved to postpone this item to the next meeting.

**B. DYKE MARCH**

David Giugni provided copies of the final flyer for the Dyke March, which received positive responses. Corey Roskin was also present to respond to questions about the Dyke March.

Advisory Board Members said the Dyke March needs some logistical improvement, with focus on details; that the diversity of the event was noticed and appreciated; that next year the making of a video of the Dyke March should be included in funding; that there were excellent speakers this year; that there should be close attention to the timeline for an emcee, if the program will have an emcee; that the run-of-show be made tighter; that there should be brainstorming with CSW about Dodger Night conflicting with the Dyke March; that planning should begin earlier; that involving the West Hollywood Cheerleaders would help bring people out; and that this year's March was one of the best that has been held.

**C. LESBIAN SPEAKERS SERIES**

Corey Roskin said this project has been funded for another year (2018-2019), and welcomed input about possible speakers. David Giugni said the City would like the Series to be driven by the Advisory Board's ideas on topics and speakers. Robert Gamboa suggested reaching out to lesbian recipients of Rainbow Key awards.

**D. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS**

The Advisory Board discussed forming a committee to assist with logistical planning for the next awards, to be held in June 2019. The Board voted unanimously to create a planning committee for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards. Jason Frazier, James Duke Mason, Robert Gamboa, and Sepi Shyne said they were willing to be on the committee. Since three members of the Board were not present, the Board carried the item over to the next meeting for final action.

**E. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LGAB**

On a motion by Jason Frazier, seconded by Robert Gamboa, the Advisory Board created a planning committee for recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Board, which was created by the City Council on February 6, 1989. The members are Alana Roshay, Robert Gamboa, Lauren Costine, Lucas Junkin, and John Erickson. Staff provided Board members with the list of the 95 people who have served on the Board since its creation.

**F. REVIEW OF LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN**

The Board discussed the three items previously adopted for the 2017-2018 Workplan (Lesbian Visibility; Homelessness of Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Youth and the Future of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Community). Staff said it was timely for the Board to develop its Workplan for 2018-2019. Board members discussed a wide variety of ideas, including public events, increased focus on lesbian-themed events, placement of a statue to demonstrate the City's openness and inclusion, improving the events the Board already plans to work on, and being involved with Models of Pride and other volunteer opportunities.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION OF RENAMING WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK TO HONOR ITS ROLE IN HISTORY**

Public Comment: David Reid said there was a lot of support for changing the name of West Hollywood Park to West Hollywood Pride Park. He suggested this Board could attend a meeting of the Public Facilities Commission to recommend the change; make the change part of the Board's recognition of its 30th anniversary; and reach out to other communities around the world, encouraging them to have a Pride Park also.

Board Members spoke about efforts that have been made to name areas such as the intersection of Santa Monica and San Vicente Boulevards. The Board referred the topic to its Futures subcommittee for further development.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

David Escobedo said this was his last meeting as a staff member because he is taking a six-month leave to study in England. The Board thanked him for his work and wished him well in this endeavor.

Corri Planck spoke about meeting with the Board's new members; providing a legislative update as requested by the Board; and holding the date for the Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Health event. She said the date of September 22 has been set for the AmBi event.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**A. LIAISON REPORTS**

Marquita Thomas, liaison to Transgender Advisory Board, said they are planning for a Trans March on November 3, for the Trans Day of Remembrance on November 20 at The Jeremy; and for additional projects.

**B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

On a motion by Jason Frazier, seconded by Lauren Costine, and unanimously approved, sponsorship of Hollywood NOW's 2019 performance of "The Vagina Monologues" was placed on the next agenda.

Alana Roshay issued an invitation to participate in Lez Do Brunch at Estrella, 8800 Sunset Boulevard, with food from noon to 3 pm, and social time from 3 to 5 pm.

Sepi Shyne said the AmBi event was approved by the City Council.

Lauren Costine said she won't be at the September meeting because she is getting married.

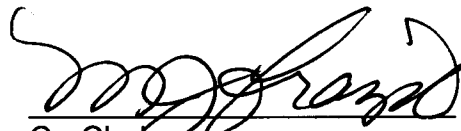
Jason Frazier said the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will perform with the Mexico City Gay Men's Chorus on October 13 at the Alex Theatre in Glendale.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

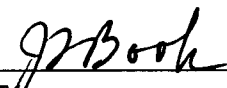
In memory of Rita Norton, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. to its next regular meeting, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 13, 2018, in the First Floor Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE  
13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018

  
Co-Chair

Attest:

  
Secretary