

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULAVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Deaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Sanchez and Members Deaton, *Samala, Juarez, Fairchild,
*Johnson and Wen
ABSENT: Members De La Cruz, Monroe
ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda.
ACTION: Motion by Member Juarez to approve the September 5, 2018 agenda, seconded by Member Wen. Motion passes with Members Deaton, Fairchild, and Sanchez voting yes.
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2018 meeting.
ACTION: Motion by Member Samala to approve the August 1, 2018 minutes, seconded by Member Fairchild. Motion passes with Members Wen and Sanchez voting yes. Members Deaton and Juarez abstained.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Eden Luna, LA Gay and Lesbian Center, spoke about the Transgender Job Fair.

Mike Che, City of West Hollywood, spoke about the program Weho Reads.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Fairchild spoke about doing pro bono work for the Transgender Community during the month of August

Member Wen spoke of attending the City Council meeting concerning President Donald Trump. He spoke at the meeting concerning the military. He spoke of being mis-gendered by a member of the audience at City Council. Member Wen spoke of attending the National Night Out events and meeting the producers of "I love Nicole" video. Member Wen spoke of staff member from LAUSD meeting with staff about using Plummer Park for a conference. He spoke of attending Southern Leadership Council and asking for a special day for the Transgender Community. Member Wen also gave an update on a Russian Transgender Community member who he has spoken about in the past. Member Wen spoke highly of a Russian restaurant in the city. Member Wen attended the Coffee with the Copps event at McDonalds. He also spoke of serving on the National Host Community for Bi-medical Conference on AIDS.

Member Samala spoke of the next Midnight Stroll being on September 21-22. Member Samala is still working on having the Midnight Stroll come through West Hollywood. Member Samala spoke of attending Women's Equality Day.

Member Deaton spoke of speaking with a member of Women's Advisory Board concerning the Women's Visibility Day. Member Deaton spoke of wanting a closer relationship with the WAB.

Member Juarez spoke concerning the Midnight Stroll. She spoke of Grindr highlighting a story on the Midnight Stroll.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. Subject: John Erickson, Hollywood NOW: 2019 Vagina Monologues Co-Sponsorship from the board

Action: The board will receive and discuss a request from Hollywood NOW to support the 2019 Vagina Monologues. Motion by Member Wen to endorse the event, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passes with Chair Sanchez, and Members Juarez, Samala, Deaton, and Fairchild voting yes.

8B. Subject: Michael Che, Arts Coordinator City of West Hollywood, will discuss One City One Pride 2019. Mr. Che will request one board member to sit on the sub-committee for One City One Pride application review.

Member Deaton asked for prior grants to review. Mr. Che offered to provide 2017 reports to staff.

Action: Nominate one member of the board to sit on the One City One Pride subcommittee. Member Johnson volunteered to sit on the board.

8C. Subject: Transgender Community Issues in the City of West Hollywood.

Action: Board to discuss recent incidents in the City of West Hollywood

between the Transgender Community and business establishments.

Member Wen spoke of 3 incidents since being on the board. He spoke of having Trans Cultural Training. Member Wen spoke of a recent incident and shared that he had met with the victims of the alleged incident.

Member Samala spoke of the same incident and what she was told had happened.

Members Juarez and Deaton requested staff to look into having a required Cultural Diversity Certification Training for all businesses in the City.

Member Johnson cautioned the board that the City cannot penalize or force a business to take training.

Staff informed the board that 3 trainings were coming up in the next few months. Staff also informed the board that she would look into a training and certification program.

Member Johnson spoke of feeling very behind on the November events and stressed that the reason for the success last year was the community involvement in the event.

Member Wen volunteered to reach out to Gina Bingham at the LA Gay and Lesbian Center to start working on the name project for TDOR.

Board Members asked that alters be considered once again at TDOR.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH

Subject: The Board will provide input on the events that will take place during November 2018.

Action: Review and Discuss

Staff informed the board that she had received a quote from the Jeremy and will find out soon if it will be the location for TDOR.

Staff requested that the board be prepared to discuss awards at the next meeting.

10. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

N/A

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Deaton shared with the board that she will be out for the next meeting.

Member Juarez spoke of the joy of working with the board.

Member Fairchild spoke of her excitement for Transgender Awareness Month.

Chair Sanchez spoke of being in the planning stages for Boom. She asked for volunteers and ideas on creating the next Boom.

Member Johnson asked that One City One Pride be placed on the next agenda.

Member Wen requested for an item to be placed on the agenda. After a discussion with the board and staff, it was deemed not in their purview to do so.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:17 PM. The next **Special meeting** is scheduled for October 3, 2018 in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard City Hall.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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