

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 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 6:00 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Wen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Sanchez and Members Samala, Monroe, Denton, Fairchild, Johnson, Wen and De La Cruz

ABSENT: Member Juarez

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of December 5, 2018.*

**ACTION:** Motion by Member Deaton to approve the December 5, 2018 agenda, seconded by Member Wen. Motion passes with Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Fairchild, Monroe, Wen, Deaton, Samala and Sanchez voting yes.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting.*

**ACTION:** Motion by Member Deaton to approve the November 7, 2018 minutes, seconded by Member Samala. Motion passes with Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Fairchild, Samala, Wen, Monroe, Deaton and Sanchez voting yes.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tai Suannon, City of West Hollywood resident spoke of going to the border to help teach Trans men and women how to seek asylum in America. He spoke of his company and the work that he does. He also spoke of looking to the city or the board to have a guide made for transgender resources.

## 7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen spoke of a community member "T" killed by gun violence. He also spoke of the reading "I am Jazz", being held Thursday, Feb 28, 2019 and asked that be added to the agenda. Member Wen also asked that TAB business subcommittee update be placed on the agenda. Member Wen thanked Luna from TEEP of the LA Gay and Lesbian Center and staff for their work on the Transgender Job Fair. Member Wen thanked community member Shane Nash for his work on the Trans rally. He also thanked the board for their work on TDOR. Member Wen spoke about the TDOR survey and not being comfortable with the survey being broken down by ethnic groups.

Member Deaton spoke of having board member Fairchild help with the border issues.

Member Sanchez thanked the board for all the work during the month of November. Chair Sanchez also spoke of being approached about a film that she would like to have a discussion about and have placed on the agenda for January.

Member Fairchild thanked everyone for their efforts on TDOR.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 8A. Subject: TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH

**Subject:** The Board will discuss events that took place during November 2018.

#### **Action:** Review and Discuss

Luna from TEEP of the LA Gay and Lesbian Center thanked the city for the job fair. Luna reported that 45 employers were showcased with 106 people attending the event. Luna also spoke on TDOR and thought it was a good event. Luna disliked how the names of victims were read this year. Luna expressed not enjoying the religious component and felt like it was an advertisement.

Chair Sanchez stated that more outreach to the community was needed for more buy in, mentoring and working together. Chair Sanchez offered to help foster the next generation of Trans leadership.

Member Fairchild said she was in agreement. She talked about attending a meeting after TDOR. She asked for people to speak about what they liked. She stated the community did not like how the names were read. The community spoke of about not being involved in the planning of TDOR. She asked that the TAB minutes be posted to the community member email list.

Member Johnson spoke about sharing the email list that he has compiled. He also spoke about the feedback he had received about TDOR. He spoke of the community feeling traumatized around the events that happened during TDOR. He asked for the community to become more involved. Member Johnson spoke of a branding campaign and needing to start planning in January. He expressed The TAB board needing more visibility. Member Johnson spoke of needing a plan and a budget to make TDOR more engaging to the community.

Member Deaton spoke of how to implement a succession plan. Member Deaton spoke of an email that she received from the Native American religious speaker at TDOR and her displeasure at being asked to speak at the last moment. She also spoke of needing to move forward with the TDOR subcommittee so people could plan to come to those meetings. Member Deaton spoke of needing to identify stake holders.

Member Wen spoke of the communications being disjointed this year and the board needing to work together more. He suggested having a monthly update.

Member Deaton discussed reducing the number of subcommittees.

Member Sanchez spoke of TDOR 2016 and how member Johnson worked to get the community involved.

Member Johnson asked that the board work on the TDOR each month during the board meeting.

Member Monroy asked that the West Hollywood web page be used for all Transgender events sponsored by the Transgender Advisory Board.

Member Fairchild asked that more social media be used.

Member Johnson asked that we look for an organization to help publicize events.

Member Fairchild spoke of hiring a planner for the event.

Member Johnson spoke of checking with the school again as a venue for the TDOR.

Member Deaton spoke of wanting to have funds available for payment to performers and speakers at TDOR. She also spoke of wanting to have an acknowledgement of gratitude at the opening of the meeting.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9A. TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY 2019**

**Subject:** The Board will discuss TDOV, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Action:** Review and Discuss

Member Deaton spoke of wanting to have the TAB work with Los Angeles City Council. She spoke of a rally and a march that City of Los Angeles is having. Member Deaton asked if the board wanted to be involved in Los Angeles City events for TDOV. She spoke of some of the tasks that the board could participate in.

Member Fairchild spoke of liking the idea but who would have ownership of the program.

Member Samala asked about the funding that would be needed and the difficulty to fund when between two cities.

Member Johnson spoke of the timeframe and budget needed for this event. Member Johnson also spoke of the community needing to be involved. He stated if the City of West Hollywood is willing to fund the events, the events must be held here.

Member Deaton spoke of needing to have a place for a march and the public safety issues surround a march.

Staff explained the need for board members to talk to their council members for program budgets.

Member Samala stated there will be something done by the City of Los Angeles but not on March 31, 2019.

Member Johnson spoke of the push to get people to Washington D.C. for the march.

Member Wen spoke of wanting to reach out to council to support a bus to go to Washington D.C. for the march.

Member Fairchild spoke of the cost to community members to go to Washington D.C.

Member Deaton spoke of doing a local event for the community.

Member Johnson spoke of having an event here and also having the council support the buses.

Action: Member Johnson made a motion that the TAB hosts a concurrent event in the City of West Hollywood. Members, Sanchez, Wen, Fairchild, De La Cruz, Monroe, Johnson voting yes, member Samala abstained. Motion passes.

## **10. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

N/A

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Makala spoke representing the women's sex outreach workers. She spoke of the fundamental rights of sex outreach workers. She spoke of standing in solidarity with the Transgender community and of wanting to collaborate on more events.

## **12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Wen thanked the community for coming out. He spoke of needing information to help with the people stranded at the Mexico border. Member Wen apologized for any trauma that may have happened to the community at TDOR. He also spoke of attending a Trans Thanksgiving event.

Member Deaton congratulated Member Samala for the article written about her.

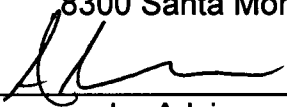
Member Samala spoke of the first Trans fighter. The boxing match will be held at Fantasy Springs Casino in Palm Springs on Saturday, December 8, at 6 pm. Member Samala spoke of a Watch Commander training that she was involved in. She also congratulated LA City Assessor Jeff Prang and attended his swearing in ceremony.

Member Sanchez thanked the community for attending. She also spoke about the free "Boom" New Year's Eve event in West Hollywood.

Member Monroy thanked the board and the audience. She spoke of the commitment needed and hopes for the New Year for the Trans community.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:19 PM. The next special meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2019 in the Community Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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