

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2, 2019
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 Samala led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Sanchez, Members Samala, Monroe, Denton, Fairchild, Johnson, Wen, Juarez and De La Cruz
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor and DeeAna Saunders, Administrative Specialist II
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of January 2, 2019.
ACTION: Motion by Member Samala to approve the January 2, 2019 agenda, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passes with Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Fairchild, Monroe, Wen, Deaton, Samala, Juarez and Sanchez voting yes.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting.
ACTION: Motion by Member Johnson to approve the December 5, 2018 minutes, seconded by Member Fairchild. Motion passes with Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Fairchild, Samala, Wen, Monroe, Deaton and Sanchez voting yes with corrections. Member Juarez abstained.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Brian Deshazor, City of Los Angeles, spoke about being an LGBT historian, and his work on Gay and Lesbian radio. He asked for an endorsement for an event being hosted in January 2019. Staff requested a flyer for the event.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen wished everyone a Happy New Year. He spoke of the League of Women's Voters and their event in April.

Member Juarez wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member De La Cruz wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Monroe wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chair Sanchez thanked the board for its work during the month of November. Chair Sanchez also spoke of community work she is involved in.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS 2018

Subject: The Board will discuss Transgender Awareness Month events that took place during November 2018.

Action: Review and Discuss

Member Wen presented a document from the community that provided to each board member.

Chair Sanchez said the Transgender community wanted to have been more involved in: choir rehearsals, subcommittees, and the planning process. She discussed hosting a town hall for the community.

Member Juarez spoke of her support for a town hall.

Member Monroe spoke of the importance of respecting all people's religious beliefs.

Member Johnson spoke of needing the event to be safe and to empower the community. He spoke of feeling saddened and feeling like he/TAB failed the community with the program.

Member De La Cruz spoke of working hard on the event and thinking that the board did their best. She also spoke of being surprised by the community feedback. She thanked the board and staff for their work on the program.

Member Monroe spoke of the event being a very traumatic event for a much traumatized community.

Member Juarez spoke of the importance of connecting with the community. She spoke of giving the community a chance to heal with the board's help.

Motion by Member Juarez to host a healing town hall. Motion passes with Members Sanchez, Johnson, Wen, Fairchild, Monroe, Juarez and Samala voting yes. Members De La Cruz and Deaton abstained.

Member Johnson spoke of wanting a community healing specialist lead the community meeting. He also spoke of the need to start planning 2019 Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Member Wen spoke of not closing the event to all spiritual healers.

Member Johnson agreed and stated there has also been some form of spiritual leaders at the events.

Member Wen spoke of the need for all to be welcomed at TDOV.

Member Fairchild spoke of the importance of the town hall and Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) not interfering with each other.

Board discussion took place about combining the town hall and TDOV. The board decided against combining the events.

8B. TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY 2019

Subject: The Board will discuss TDOV on March 31, 2019

Action: Review and Discuss

Member Wen discussed the time change from the east and west coasts. He spoke of the idea of having a bus leave from West Hollywood to Washington D. C. He also spoke of wanting to hire someone to produce the TDOV event.

Board discussed hiring a producer. Due to cost, the board decided not to consider hiring a producer.

Chair Sanchez spoke of wanting to have the event be celebratory.

The Board discussed whether TDOV should be a celebration event, and concluded that it should be celebratory. The Board agreed that the event will include speakers, a large movie screen to stream the march, a small stage with a microphone, DJ, and food truck. The Board requested the event to be held outdoors at Plummer Park on March 31, 2019 from 11 AM to 2 PM

Staff spoke of the time constraints and asked that any paid individual be identified within 30 days to allow for contracts to be completed.

Member Johnson reminded the board to keep the event simple.

8C. BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Subject: The Business Subcommittee will present ideas for bystander training and WHCC Transgender/GNC Cultural Competency Training

Action: Review and Discuss

Member Wen spoke of meeting with the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to discuss how to engage chamber members on Transgender bystander training.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. Endorse the reading of "I am Jazz"

Recommendation: Review and discuss if the board wants to endorse the reading of "I am Jazz"

Action: Board endorses the reading of "I am Jazz"

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke of securing Plummer Park Rooms 1&2 for the Healing Town hall Meeting.

Staff spoke of Mayor Pro Tempore's request for TAB members to attend the UN Women-LA conference. Members Samala, Wen and Sanchez all to attend.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen spoke of the TAB-endorsed Vagina Monologues to be hosted February 16th and 17th. He also spoke of the Women's March being held March 19th. Lastly he spoke of the 2 Transgender community members murdered.

Member Samala spoke of remembering that the community is sensitive and to be considerate of each other feelings.

Member Sanchez spoke of the Color Bonita Film screening on January 19, 2019.

Member Juarez said she is looking forward to 2019 and what the board will be working on.

Member Fairchild spoke of being thankful for everyone on the board and the work they put in for TDOR and planning TDOV.

Member Johnson spoke of the state of California adding a no gender line to the state license issued by the DMV.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:41 PM. The next **special meeting** is scheduled for February 6, 2019 in the Community Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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