

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
APRIL 11, 2019
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 Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alana Roshay.

B. INSTALLATION

Zekiah N. Wright, Esq., was installed as a member of the Advisory Board by Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager. Board Members and the audience congratulated Board Member Wright.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren Costine, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa,
Lucas Junkin, James Duke Mason, Alana Roshay,
Sepi Shyne, Marquita Thomas, Zekiah Wright

ABSENT: Billy Francesca

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, David Giugni, Corey Roskin, Jenny Ivanova,
Jeff Book

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Board Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Board Member Gamboa and approved 9 to 0 by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Board Member Shyne moved approval of the minutes of the February 14, 2019, meeting. This was seconded by Board Member Mason, and approved 8-0-1 by roll call vote, with Board Member Thomas abstaining.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Alexis Sanchez, Chair of the Transgender Advisory Board, spoke about current and upcoming events.
2. Mike Che, Arts Coordinator, spoke about activities for National Poetry Month and reviewed programming for the upcoming One City One Pride, to be held May 22 to June 30.
3. David Tiktin, member of the Bi Pride planning committee, spoke about plans for the City's second Bi Pride event, to be held in September.

4. Andy Sacher spoke on behalf of Jewish Vocational Services' WeHo Works Career Center at the West Hollywood Library.
5. Jackie Steele, co-chair of the Bi Pride planning committee, thanked the Board for its support in 2018 and spoke about plans for the 2019 event.
6. West Seegmiller, political director of the Sex Workers Outreach Project, Los Angeles (SWOP/LA) spoke about a possible panel discussion of the subject, which is on the upcoming City Council agenda.

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Wright introduced herself and said she was glad to be beginning service on the Board. All of the Board Members welcomed her. Board Member Junkin requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nipsey Hussle.

Board Member Thomas requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Virginia Uribe, Charles Kingsley, and Nipsey Hussle.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will receive updates, review its existing subcommittees and consider appointments to them.

Lauren Costine spoke about plans for the Dyke March in June, which will be based around the Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial and will include a march, music, and other elements similar to last year. Jackie Steele is planned as emcee, with Alexis Sanchez and others as speakers.

Robert Gamboa said plans for the Bi Pride event in September have begun, with David Tiktin and Jackie Steele on the planning committee. He asked for clarification of the status of the Bi Pride planning committee. Corri Planck said rules do not permit Board committees to include non-members of the Board, and since the Bi Pride planning committee includes both members and non-members of the Board, it is not a Board committee, but can continue to operate as an independent planning group.

Robert Gamboa asked for an item on the next agenda to consider City co-sponsorship of the Bi Pride event, with \$2,000 in funding. After further discussion, a consensus agreed to place this item on the agenda.

Without objection, the Board added Alana Roshay to the Bi Visibility committee, and Zekiah Wright to the Dyke March/Etheridge Award planning committee and the committee on the future of the Lesbian and Gay community.

B. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS 2019

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will review and discuss nominations for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards, select honorees to recommend to the City Council, and continue making plans for the event.

Public Comment: Larry Block spoke on behalf of awarding the Rainbow Key to the publisher of Weherville.com.

Members of the Advisory Board reviewed the nomination materials received for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards.

ACTION: After discussion, Jason Frazier moved to recommend Jeffery Bowman, Rabbi Lisa Edwards, Jake Mason, and Project Angel Food. This was seconded by Lucas Junkin and approved unanimously on a roll call.

The Board discussed whether to recommend more than four honorees. Lucas Junkin moved to close the selection of honorees with the four already selected. This was seconded by Marquita Thomas. There were 3 in favor (Robert Gamboa, Lucas Junkin, Marquita Thomas) and 6 opposed (Lauren Costine, Jason Frazier, James Duke Mason, Alana Roshay, Sepi Shyne, Zekiah Wright).

After discussion, Lauren Costine moved to recommend six honorees to the City Council, consisting of the four already selected, with Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends and Mecca LA Hosted by Kelly Gilliam. This was seconded by Sepi Shyne and approved.

Bids for food at the reception were requested for Fresh Corn Grill, Joey's Food (Joey Santos), and Guisado's. Lucas Junkin recommended that the food choices suit a standing, mingling reception.

C. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will continue discussion of recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Board.

Public Comment: Andy Sacher spoke on behalf of The Lavender Effect and its Oral History Project, which is working to create a Pride Explorer download, and tours for the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall. He said they would like to help with the LGAB 30th Anniversary event.

Corri Planck said that a staff report requesting \$10,000 in unallocated funds for the 30th Anniversary event is on the April 15 City Council agenda, with an alternate option of combining the Rainbow Key Awards with the 30th Anniversary event. By consensus, the Board designated Lucas Junkin to speak as its representative at the City Council meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Corri Planck spoke about two Council items coming up on April 15: a proposal by Councilmember John Duran to sponsor a panel on issues relating to sex workers, and a proposal by Mayor John D'Amico and Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath to contract with the Los Angeles County Equity Oversight Panel. By consensus, the Board designated Marquita Thomas to speak as its representative on these two items.

Corri Planck said there will be an agenda item regarding PEP and PrEP, as well as sexual addiction, with representatives from City-funded social services coming to share information with the board as part of the board's request for discussion on these two items.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Marquita Thomas said the Transgender Advisory Board discussed the Trans March on Washington DC, and Transgender Awareness Month in September.

Alana Roshay spoke about the Human Services Commission's process for social services funding, which includes establishing priorities for social services, requesting proposals from non-profit agencies, and choosing among the proposals. The Advisory Board is one of the City groups that participated by providing input.

Jason Frazier asked staff to distribute the schedule of Board and Commission meetings, noting whether there are Board Members designated to serve as liaisons.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

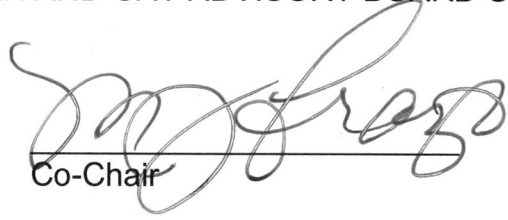
Alana Roshay spoke in favor of Assembly legislation providing for safer schools. Corri Planck said www.weho.org/legislative provides an overview of the City's involvement in legislation.

Zekiah Wright thanked committee members in the audience who had stayed for the entire meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Virginia Uribe, Charles Kingsley, and Nipsey Hussle, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to its next regular meeting, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the First Floor Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE
9TH DAY OF MAY 2019



Co-Chair

Attest:



Secretary