

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2019
6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, 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 – Community Member Chela Demuir led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Sanchez, Members: Deaton, Samala, Monroy, Wen, Juarez, Johnson, De La Cruz and Fairchild.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, West Hollywood Public Safety Supervisor,

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of May 1, 2019.

ACTION: Motion by Member Juarez to approve the May 1, 2019 agenda, seconded by Member De La Cruz. Approved with moving 9 B up to new business. Member Fairchild Motion passes with Members De La Cruz, Fairchild, Johnson, Juarez, Monroy, Samala, Sanchez and Wen voting yes.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the April 3, 2019 minutes by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Fairchild. Motion passes with Members De La Cruz, Fairchild, Johnson, Juarez, Monroy, Samala, Sanchez and Wen voting yes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Echo Park resident came and spoke to the group about wanting to help with the Transgender Rights in the City.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen wished the board happy May Day. Spoke of a bill that was out of the house today. Member Wen attended the May Rosen youth and senior center. TSPN meeting attended for the TDOR survey. Can we send out electronically? Member Wen spoke of the la gay and lesbian survey spoke of a survey that is focused on future entrepreneurs

Member Johnson spoke of QueerX May 31- June 2nd Hosted by TV live streaming. Looking for hosting as a community partner. Staff to send information to board.

Member Monroy spoke regarding Alejandra Bogue attending the Trans Wellness Center.

Member Juarez commented what a pleasure it is to be here. Congratulated her confirmation on her life time recognition

Chair Sanchez expressed solidarity with workers' rights. We have some rights but still not enough. May 22, reading of Dear Harvey. Chair Sanchez will be in the reading. May 31st LGBT night at Dodger Stadium.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. TRANS VOTER EMPOWER UPDATE

Recommendation: Board to receive update

Action: Member Wen updated the board on the program.

8B. LA PRIDE

Recommendation: Board to discuss Pride events in the month of June

Member Samala spoke about the Trans stage on Friday and if it would be there. Alexander spoke of this year Trans people will be on all stages thru out the festival. Looking to keep integrating Trans lives into the lives of everyone else.

Alex spoke of the events of Friday night.

Chair Sanchez spoke of being excited for expanding the footprint of the festival to the street. She spoke of the liking the integration and spoke of have elders introduce the acts so they can be celebrated.

Spoke of creating platform along with Marianna Marroquin. Policy, Leadership, advocacy, and training. Member Johnson asked for more information.

Member Deaton asked when and where can free tickets for the community be given.

Member Samala asked about the parade and if there would be a Tran's component.

Member Johnson spoke about us having a table and exactly having people do shifts.

Member Samala asked if there was resource tables would be available. Alexandra spoke of people not showing up to work the resources.

Board decided to just have info at the social services table.

Member Wen asked to have help hand out info.

Can we have a banner for the event? Check with social services.

Trans Pride June 14th and 15th, Member Johnson spoke of asking for swag for the event. Can we have more items available? Paper fans, has the information. Table cloth, banner and swag. Member Johnson will send out a google doc. Order a transgender table cloth

Member Deaton asked that the survey include the request for volunteers.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH

Subject: The Board will discuss the activities and logistics for the month of November.

Action: Members spoke regarding the budget and discussed logistics and items that they would like to add to the events during the month.

Alexander came and gave an update on LA Pride and Trans programming. Trans Bruch, June 1st Flaming Saddle, Staff will send the flyer once given to her. Tran's station will also have Tran's galleria space to will be used to post Trans art.

Staff and board discussed having a march and the kick off.

Member Deaton spoke of events being different than each meeting. A statement could be used for meeting but a person might need to be used. Member Juarez spoke and clarified that she was looking for a statement that could be read by each member of the board.

Member Monroy spoke of having a blessing and remembering that CA is Mexican land. We must take into account that it is not just one group of people who have the land.

Member Johnson agreed with Member Deaton that a statement is needed for meeting. Spoke of needing a person for each event and a stipend.

Member Fairchild asked if we knew what events we wanted a person at city council.

Member De La Cruz spoke about the length of time and that she felt the speakers from last year. Need to focus on diversity.

Google form for nominations will be sent to staff to get back out.

9B. MARCH ON WASHINGTON D.C.

Subject: The Board will discuss a proposal for City Council support of the event.

Action: The Board listened to the proposal and staff shared that the proposal is for \$20,000 and the city attorney is looking at the proposal.

Member Deaton updated the board to let them know that the new proposal was that the City of West Hollywood design and market the Torch Awards event.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen update on real driver license.

Member Juarez spoke of her appreciation of being here

Member Fairchild spoke regarding

Member Samala spoke regarding the same as Juarez
Member Deaton thanked the board.

Member De la Cruz spoke of a campaign that she is working on. She stated there is a way to participated if members wanted

Member Johnson commented on QueerX.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:39 PM. The next special meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2019 in the Community Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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