

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 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 PM.

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Sanchez, Members Samala, Wen, Johnson, Deaton and Fairchild

ABSENT: Member Monroy, De La Cruz and Juarez

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, West Hollywood Public Safety Supervisor, DeeAna Saunders, West Hollywood Admin Specialist II

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of July 3, 2019.

ACTION: Motion by Member Johnson to approve the July 1, 2019 agenda, seconded by Member Wen. Approved with tabling item number 9 B. Motion passes with Members Deaton, Fairchild, Wen, Johnson, Samala, and Sanchez voting yes.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

ACTION: Motion to approve the May 1, 2019 minutes by Member Deaton, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passes with Members Fairchild, Sanchez, Johnson, Samala, Deaton and Wen voting yes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen asked to adjourn in memory of Trans community members who have died. He also spoke about different events that he attended.

Member Samala spoke regarding an event she attended.

Chair Sanchez thanked LGAB, WAB and City Staff for speaking at Dyke March. She also thanked CSW for Pride and its events.

8. UNFISHED BUSINESS

8A. Transgender Awareness Month

SUBJECT: Board will discuss events to be hosted in November and a proposal presented by Unique Woman's Coalition.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and provide input.

ACTION: Unique Women's Coalition for TDOR proposed to produce program for TDOR event.

Member Johnson proposed a counter proposal that the Unique Women's Coalition and Board work together to produce the event.

Chela from Unique Women's Coalition clarified that the proposal is in partnership with TAB where the Coalition would coordinate the logistics.

Staff offered to coordinate with Coalition on details.

Member Wen asked if compensation for performers and speakers is allowed and staff said that the City can enter in to honorarium contracts for this purpose, which will take about 30 working days.

Chair Sanchez questioned the participation of the Board and proposed a subcommittee to be formed to work with the Coalition.

Member Johnson stated that the Board will have to approve the program production proposed by Coalition.

Member Deaton thanked the Coalition and reiterated the timeframe in which the Coalition would have to get a production proposal to the Board.

Member Wen thanked the Coalition for their desire to help and recommended having the Coalition host a Transgiving. He also expressed interest in joining the subcommittee.

Member Johnson proposed TAB members commit to attending the meetings for the Coalition in respect to TDOR event.

Member Fairchild asked if the proposal was open to other community members to participate in planning TDOR.

Unique Women's Coalition clarified that the focus is on Black Trans Women as they are the majority of the Trans community. The Coalition discussed that last year's TDOR only committed 10 minutes to this group.

Member Johnson wanted the event to be inclusive, and not limited to one specific group of people within the Trans community.

Member Samala agreed with Member Johnson.

Unique Women's Coalition stated that while they want to spearhead the event, they are working with other Trans groups.

Member Deaton asks how TAB can support the Coalition.

Staff recommended that the Coalition meet with staff regarding funding.

Motion by Member Wen for Unique Women's Coalition to lead programming for TDOR.

Amendment by Member Johnson for Unique Women's Coalition to partner with TAB for TDOR.

Amendment by Member Fairchild to include other organizations who wish to participate in planning TDOR.

Clarification by Member Johnson that other organizations may want to be part of the TDOR production but are not in attendance at this meeting.

Members Johnson and Fairchild discuss the motion for clarification

Member Wen asked if there needs to be an official agreement with Unique Women's Coalition, and staff confirmed that an official agreement is not necessary.

Motion by Member Wen for TAB and Unique Women's Coalition to work together to plan the program for TDOR. Second by Johnson. Motion passes with Members Wen Johnson, Samala, Sanchez, Deaton, and Fairchild voting yes.

Staff said that the requested additional funding was denied. Staff requests suggestions for marketing the November events. Staff said that the "save the date" cards have been sent out. Staff spoke about the location and what was offered last time the facility was used for TDOR. Staff spoke about the scheduled events for November. Staff encouraged TAB to utilize a more festive vibe for the kick off celebration compared to years prior. Staff said they are currently working with the Chamber of Commerce to secure a location for the kick off celebration. Staff shared the idea of a Trans Connect Day which has to be taken to Council for funding. The event would take place in March 2020.

Chair Sanchez spoke about the kick off celebration and Transphobia, and discussed brunch at Saddle Ranch.

Member Wen asked about the Trans job fair and staff said it is scheduled to take place in September.

Motion by Member Johnson for the kickoff celebration to be hosted at a bar for a festive atmosphere. Seconded by Member Fairchild. Motion passes with Members Samala, Wen, Deaton, Johnson, Sanchez, and Fairchild voting yes.

Chair Sanchez expressed concern of alcohol availability because of substance abuse within the community.

Member Wen said all organizations are welcome to participate in the kickoff celebration.

Member Johnson asked if the awards and televised TAB meeting would be the October meeting. He expressed concern if there would be enough time to prepare.

Member Deaton recommended a celebration to be attached to the award ceremony.

Staff recommended the awards ceremony be held at the kickoff celebration.

Motion by Member Johnson that the award ceremony be presented at the kickoff party and be recognized at the televised event. Seconded by Member Deaton. Motion passes, with Members Samala, Wen, Deaton, Johnson, Sanchez, and Fairchild voting yes.

Member Johnson spoke about the wellness fair. He discussed registration, abstract submission and volunteer forms that are available online at translifela.org. He said there were many responses from overseas community members and is looking for 150-200 attendees with 85 already registered. He said usually 65% of registered people attend the event.

Member Johnson asked if there would be altars at TDOR and brought up aspects of TDOR outside of the event's program. Staff explained that they have a program schedule form last year that will be shared with TAB members.

Member Johnson requested a videographer with trailer cuts for promo for TDOR in the future and staff responded that they will check with the Communications Department regarding that request.

Member Wen stated that WeHo TV recorded TDOR in 2017.

Member Johnson requested video edits of performances.

Chair Sanchez said she will reach out to the company that does altars.

Staff said they will provide follow up with altar requirements for the new location.

Member Wen asked staff to connect with the TDOR event location to schedule a site visit. Staff said they will try to schedule one in September.

8B. March on Washington D.C.

SUBJECT: Board will receive an update on potential sponsorship for March.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and provide input.

ACTION: Staff provided update on the Council item for a \$20,000 sponsorship and funding to send individuals to the march.

Member Deaton requested that the Board receive a copy of the Council item.

8C. Trans Voter Empowerment Update

SUBJECT: Board will receive an update on Trans Voter Empowerment.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and provide input.

ACTION:

Michelle Dennis from Los Angeles Voting Empowerment provided background information and distributed a handout.

She asked for TAB to host a voter registration and empowerment event for the Transgender and Gender Nonconforming communities. She also requested TAB to provide the names of agencies catering to Transgender and Gender Nonconforming communities for to assist with the March and November 2020 elections.

Member Fairchild ask to update the handout to add gender non-binary information.

Member Johnson provided feedback on how to connect with support agencies.

Michelle Dennis shared that suggestion has been included in current budget requests.

Motion by Member Johnson that TAB provides space for a Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Voter Empowerment event. Seconded by Member Fairchild. Motion passes, with Samala, Wen, Deaton, Johnson, Sanchez, and Fairchild voting yes.

Board expresses gratitude to Michelle Dennis who will share media with Board from 2016.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. Project Connection- Trans Picnic

SUBJECT: Board will discuss a potential request to City Council for the City to enter into a co-sponsorship agreement with Unique Woman's Coalition regarding Trans Picnic.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and provide input.

ACTION: Jayden of Unique Women's Coalition spoke of partnering with Shea Diamond to host a picnic.

Member Johnson asked for clarification regarding the request of TAB.

Jayden clarified that he would like TBA to secure a location for the picnic.

Chela said she would like to partner with the City and have the City provide supplies or funding.

Member Johnson wanted clarification on what the City could provide.

Member Wen asked to confirm the date for the picnic.

Motion by Member Johnson for TAB to support the Trans picnic with in kind service and location. Second by Member Wen. Motion passes, with Samala, Wen, Deaton, Johnson, Sanchez, and Fairchild voting yes.

9B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: Board will select a Chair and a Vice-Chair for 2019-2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Select a Chair and Vice-Chair.

ACTION: Tabled.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff read Member Juarez's comment on finding a Native American speaker for events.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen said that Compton Pride is happening this weekend. He said the Metro is offering free rides on app VIA from Metro stations. He reiterated that there is an opportunity for organizations to assist with planning the kickoff celebration.

Member Fairchild thanked the community for coming out and helping with events.

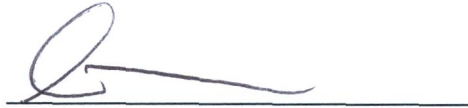
Member Samala spoke regarding "I Matter" production in Long Beach on Saturday, 7/6. She said Asia SF is coming to Palm Springs with auditions on 7/14.

Member Johnson wished a happy belated birthday to Mayor Pro Tem Horvath. He thanked the community for coming out and thanked staff for all they do. He spoke of serving on a SpaceX committee in August. He also attended a pool party hosted by Trans Kind.

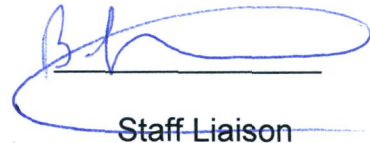
Chair Sanchez reminded everyone to grab the Save the Dates flyers. She thanked staff and the community for staying for the entire meeting. She spoke about upcoming events and stated that she will be away from 7/10-7/21.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:36PM. The next **special meeting** is scheduled for August 7, 2019 in the Community Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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