

**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2019
7 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chair Robert Gamboa.

1. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sepi Shyne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren D. Costine, Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca,
Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Alana Roshay,
Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: Lucas Junkin, James Duke Mason, Sarah Whitaker.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Book, Jenny Ivanova.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Thursday, July 11, 2019. Motion by Board Member Frazier, seconded by Co-Chair Gamboa, and approved.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of May 9, 2019. Motion by Board Member Wright, seconded by Board Member Frazier, and approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Dan Morin spoke to encourage holding a meeting at which older members of the community could speak and answer questions from younger members, and said this would be very appropriate in connection with the Advisory Board's 30th anniversary.
2. Sepi Shyne, who has been appointed to the Business License Commission, thanked Board Members and staff for everything done while she was on the Board.
3. Carlos Sosa, executive director of C.I.T.Y.x1 Youth Group, requested that support for the 2019 "The Big Feast" be on the next Advisory Board agenda.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Co-Chair Gamboa moved to include support for the C.I.T.Y.x1 Youth Group "The Big Feast" for 2019 be on the next agenda. This was seconded by Board Member Costine and approved.

Co-Chair Gamboa moved to include on the upcoming agenda a discussion of an event at which older members of the community could speak. This was seconded by Co-Chair Roshay and approved.

Co-Chair Gamboa moved for the Advisory Board to start its workplan earlier than in previous years, so most of the year will be available to carry it out. This was seconded by Board Member Costine and approved.

Co-Chair Gamboa said that he and Co-Chair Roshay have spoken about encouraging respectful communication in meetings.

Co-Chair Roshay requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kiki Fantroy and Pebbles LaDime Doe, trans women who were recently killed.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR: There were no Consent Calendar items.

Without objection, Items 4A was taken up next.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. METRO RAIL UPDATE

David Fenn and Joanna Hankamer of the City's Planning and Development Services Department spoke about work to bring rail service back to West Hollywood, especially by accelerating by 20 years the completion of the Crenshaw Line Northern Extension, currently slated for 2041. West Hollywood Advocates for Metro Rail (WHAM) supports these efforts.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

The committees for Dyke March, Etheridge Award, and Rainbow Key were taken off of the list of committees.

Co-Chair Gamboa said the Bi Pride planning group had met with the City about this year's event and will meet again to discuss the outcome of that. Board Member Costine said it was confusing to hear that the Bi Pride event was not under the Advisory Board's umbrella.

B. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LGAB

Co-Chair Roshay said the committee planning the 30th Anniversary event is making progress. Board Member Costine said Andy Sacher had offered to help create a timeline of significant accomplishments by the Board. Board Member Wright spoke about recognizing former members. Staff provided a flyer that has been created for the event, which will be held on Sept. 25, 2019, at the La Peer Hotel.

4. NEW BUSINESS

B. CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

By consensus, the Board supported the Women's Equality Day events planned for August 25, 2019.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff spoke about the Aug. 28 screening of “The Advocates,” and the Sept. 11 Congress of Boards and Commissions.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Amir Desai, who moderates queer positivity programs at the LA LGBT Center, expressed interest in the event to connect with elders in the community. He said the Center could organize for this also.
2. Nik Kacy, producer of Equality Fashion Week in 2018, spoke about plans for a new event and would like endorsement from the Board and the City.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Board Member Wright attended Women’s Advisory Board, and said they chose one member to be a liaison with the City Council between meetings.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Francesca said it was important to hear the stories of older members of the community.

Board Member Costine asked for Equality Fashion Week to be on an upcoming agenda, to see how the City can support it.

Co-Chair Roshay asked if Dan Morin was interested in assisting with the event regarding older members of the community.

Board Member Frazier spoke about the Gay Men’s Chorus performances coming up on Aug. 16 at the Walt Disney Concert Hall and Aug. 17 at West Hollywood Council Chambers.

Co-Chair Gamboa attended the Los Angeles City Land Use Planning Committee, which approved 200 units of supportive housing. He thanked community members for attending the Board meeting, and asked Board members to think of one or two priority items for the new year.

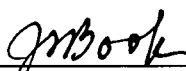
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** In memory of Kiki Fantroy and Pebbles La Dime Doe, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:35 pm to its next regular meeting, to be held Thursday, September 12, 2019, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the First-Floor Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019



Co-Chair

Attest:



Secretary