

MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2, 2019  
6:00 PM  
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM  
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Fairchild called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **ROLL CALL**  
PRESENT: Chair Fairchild, Members Wen, Johnson, De La Cruz, Deaton, Rostovsky, Samala and Sanchez  
ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, West Hollywood Public Safety Supervisor, and DeeAna Saunders, West Hollywood Admin Specialist II  
ABSENT: Member Monroy
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of October 2, 2019*  
ACTION: Motion by Member Johnson to approve the October 2, 2019 agenda, and second by Member De La Cruz. Motion passes with Members Deaton, Fairchild, Wen, Johnson, Samala, De La Cruz, Rostovsky and Sanchez voting yes.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting*  
ACTION: Motion by Member Samala to approve the September 4, 2019 minutes, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passes with Members Deaton, Chair Fairchild, Wen, Johnson, Samala, De La Cruz, Monroy, and Sanchez voting yes, noting an abstention from Member Rostovsky.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Sanchez expressed thanks for DC Trip. Represented at Census Count and invited TAB to Safe West Hollywood Coalition Meeting October 24<sup>th</sup>. She also shared she will be at Halloween Carnaval distributing drug safety strips.

Member Wen thanked Staff, Board and Council for trip to DC. Member Wen shared information gathered during DC trip. Member Wen represented TAB at Gospel Trans Service on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Member Rostovsky expressed appreciation for DC tri, and thanked staff for their contribution in making arrangements.

Chair Fairchild thanked staff for DC Trip.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8A. Transgender Awareness Month**

*Subject:* Board will discuss events to be hosted in November

Staff shared events:

11/ 2 Kickoff party @ Flaming Saddles from 12-3pm, Brunch Buffet for up to 200 people with parking included. RSVP is not required.

Member Rostovsky motioned to not have March at Kickoff party, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passes with Members Deaton, Fairchild, Wen, Johnson, Samala, De La Cruz, Rostovsky and Sanchez voting yes.

Member Johnson asked that March be moved to November 2<sup>nd</sup> only. Discussed the visibility.

Member Rostovsky discussed that more people may be present at TDOR.

Member Samala requested that the March stay on TDOR.

March will be on November 20, 2019 following the program for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Awards:

Member Sanchez shared one for Community member, one for non-profit for a total of four.

Chair removed Chela Demuir as she has received the award in the past as a Community member.

The board discussed their nominations and why they nominated the person and/or organization with verification of category for nominations.

Member Rostovsky motioned for one nonprofit organization and two community members, second by Member De La Cruz.

Member discussion of two awards for NPO and two community members.

Amendment. Member Johnson motioned for two NPO and two community members, second by Erika. Motion approved unanimously.

TDOR:

Presentation of Program by Chela, President and CEO of Unique Women's Coalition.

The Board thanks UWC for taking leadership in coordinating the program.

Member Sanchez thanked UWC for their work on the program. She asked for clarification on program items and suggests leaving victim's names available for community to read.

Member Rostovsky inquired about the presence of Tran's men and non-binary persons represented in the program.

Member Deaton expressed the importance of having a practice rehearsal.

Member Johnson asked questions regarding the flow of the program and technical requirements.

Chair Fairchild spoke about problems that could occur and suggested having musical interludes between each segment.

Chela Demuir inquired about compensation for participants in TDOR program.

Chair shared timeline of due dates of documentation to get participants paid with Chela.

Staff shared that requests have been sent out to participants and asked for UWC assistance in collecting required documentation.

Staff also shared that participants who do not have a completed contract cannot participate in the program for insurance purposes.

Motion to approved program by Johnson, seconded by Rostovsky. Motion approved unanimously.

Staff shared:

Parking will be available on site for 60 cars, first come first serve, in addition to validated parking at City lot.

Staff has asked school if altars would be ok to have and we are still waiting for response.

Member Johnson recommended hiring someone to clean up the venue, and asked about the altar, photography and videography.

Member Rostovsky recommended promoting rideshare on the flyers.

Staff will share t shirt logo ideas with the Board. Staff also shared that Community can submit designs that can be sent to the designer.

Member Johnson recommended an anonymous survey be sent to the Board to vote.

Staff reminded Board that UWC logo is to be included in production, including the t-shirt design.

Member Wen shared that UWC wants to make banners for the march at TDOR.

Chair shared that one community group desires to work on building an altar.

Member Wen asked staff to look into waiving parking requirements for TDOR so attendees are not cited.

Member Johnson asked staff to request that permit parking restrictions be lifted.

Member Sanchez reminded Board and Community attendees to contact her if interested in having a resource table at TDOR.

March:

Member Johnson requested tea lights for the march.

Staff will order a TAB flag for the march.

### **8B. March on Washington D.C.**

Chair Fairchild shared the experiences from the March on Washington D.C.

Member Sanchez expressed her gratitude for being in attendance at the March on Washington DC and shared her experiences.

Member Rostovksy expressed inspiration from the March on Washington DC to empower the Community and Board.

Member Wen spoke regarding his experiences from the March on Washington DC.

### **8C. Census 2020 Complete Count Committee**

Member Sanchez attended the first meeting and shared with the Board the importance of Census 2020 and the role the Board can play in assisting with the Census 2020 count.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

Member Wen motions to discuss term limits.

Staff directed Member Wen to have a discussion with his Councilmember concerning term limits.

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

10/08 Human Trafficking Educational Forum

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Ortega spoke regarding agenda item 8A.

Maria Roman spoke regarding agenda item 8A.

Adam Reyes spoke regarding agenda item 8A. Community member also asked about measurement requirements for altar.

Sara Cruz spoke regarding agenda item 8A.

Luna spoke regarding the upcoming Job Fair and thanked community for coming out.

West asked Board to agenzize a presentation from SWAP about sex workers it has on the Community. He also asked for sponsorship of a Sex Workers Task Force Jan – June 2020, supported by Councilmember Duran on 11/21.

## **12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Deaton thanked community for their attendance. She expressed working towards hosting a Lobbyist Event on Capitol Hill.

Member Wen motions to discuss term limits.

Staff again directed Member Wen to have a discussion with his Councilmember concerning term limits. Member Wen requests to have the Sex Worker presentation put on the agenda and asked Staff to request copy a of presentation from SWAP.

Member Rostovsky asked to have on upcoming agendas these ideas for TDOV, resource fair and educational experience *TDOV Action Now*.

Chair Fairchild thanked the community for coming out to the meeting. She also expressed gratitude for the March on Washington.


Member Johnson thanked City Council and West Hollywood residents for the opportunity to attend the March on Washington DC. He reminded board members that they are deserving of the seats they hold with TAB.

Member Samala thanked City Council for the opportunity to attend the March on Washington DC.

Staff shared that councilmembers are being informed of the success of attending the March on Washington DC.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next special meeting is scheduled for **November 6, 2019** in the City Council Chambers at 625 N. San Vicente Blvd.



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Transgender Advisory Board Chair



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Staff Liaison

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