

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 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 6:00 pm

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

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Fairchild, Members Wen, Monroy, 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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of November 6, 2019

ACTION: Motion by Member Samala to approve the November 6, 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 October 2, 2019 meeting

ACTION: Motion by Member Deaton to approve the October 2, 2019 minutes, seconded by Member Sanchez. 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:

John Erickson, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the work of the Board Members to create a safe space for the Trans Community.

Ezak Perez, Los Angeles resident, spoke about the importance of gender neutral restrooms.

Janet Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager, spoke about Vision 2050 and the survey that was recently launched.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Sanchez thanked her colleagues and staff for an awesome kickoff of trans awareness month. She went on to talk about the problems within the trans community for people of color.

Member Wen thanked the City for the Kick-off event and would like for it to be an annual event. Also spoke about the elections that took place nationwide on Tuesday, November 5th. Lastly, Member Wen shared different events he attended since the previous Meeting.

Member Rostovsky spoke about ways to engage the Trans and Non binary community to be empowered.

Chair Fairchild thanked Community for their attendance and acknowledged the council and staff for the help on Transgender Awareness month.

Member Monroy acknowledged people around the world for their work for Trans Awareness.

Member Deaton thanked community for their attendance. Reminded everyone of the job fair scheduled for tomorrow, 11/7/19. She also spoke on safe spaces for trans men.

Member Johnson wished everyone a happy trans awareness month. He went on to share the many reasons why the Community has to be happy and thankful and to take the time to share their experiences with others.

Member De La Cruz thanked the City, staff and council, for their support.

Member Samala thanked staff for the kickoff event.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. Transgender Awareness Month

Subject: Board will discuss events to be hosted in November

Staff provided the Board with updates for the Transgender Day of Remembrance event, noting two concerns: honorariums were offered to 6 performer's and only 2 people have completed paperwork to date.

Chair shared Community who are interested in coordinating the march.

Member Deaton requested the flyer and program be translated in Spanish.

Member Wen shared program changes.

Member Sanchez shared resource providers who will be in attendance.

Board continued to discuss finalized plans.

Ezak Perez, Community member, asked the Board for the opportunity to participate in planning the march and for them to purchase posters designed by youth of the Community.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. 2020 Transgender Arts Initiative and One City One Pride Grant Review (Pride Month)

Subject: Board will receive an update and elected one board member to review grants

Recommendation: Elect one board member to review grants

Arts Coordinator, Mike Che, is looking for a volunteer to serve on the panel. Member Deaton will attend.

Hollywood 9B. William Seegmiller, Assessing the needs of sex workers in West

Subject: Board will receive information concerning having a presentation at a future meeting

Recommendation: Board will discuss and decide on a date for a future presentation

Mr. Seegmiller, Sex Workers Outreach Program, spoke regarding sex workers right within the trans community.

Member Deaton asked for copies of data in print to share with the Community.

Member Johnson motion to agenize for January 2020 meeting, second by Member Sanchez. Approved unanimously.

9.C Transgender Visibility Day

Subject: Board will discuss what they would like to do in March for Transgender Visibility Day

Recommendation: Board will discuss and decide on a date for a future presentation

Member Deaton proposed a health conference with a focus on mental health resources.

DOV is March 31st, weekend 28/29

Member Sanchez shared ways to partner with other companies to reach a larger crowd and proposed starting later in the day to boost attendance from community.

Member Rostovsky presented ways to further engage the community.

Member Johnson suggested a campaign throughout the City to place emphasis on *visibility*.

Staff recommends forming a subcommittee for TDOV and its events which will be open to the public at a minimum of twice a month.

Member Johnson motion to form subcommittee. Seconded by Member Rostovsky. Approved unanimously.

Member Deaton, Member Johnson, Member Sanchez and Member Rostovsky will serve on the subcommittee.

Board discussion of proposed ideas for TDOV.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff will work on flyer for Subcommittee meetings to pass out at TDOR. Staff acknowledged public comments and thanked Community for their attendance.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Fairchild thanked staff and community for their attendance. Lastly, she acknowledged Member Johnson's recent accomplishments.

Member Monroy reminded the Board Dec 1st is International Day of AIDS awareness and shared an event.

Member Deaton reflected on the kickoff event and shared upcoming events.

Member Johnson requested Pride 2020 be added to December meeting. He also acknowledged the hard work of the Board.

Member De La Cruz thanked board members for all they do for the community and thanked the Council for their support.

Member Samala reflected on the changes that the Community is able to benefit from and shared upcoming events.

Member Wen asked Trans Women Empowerment update to be put on the agenda for and event February 2020. He thanked the awards recipients and invited Community to attend upcoming events. Lastly, he shared that the WeHo Affordable Housing waitlist is currently open.

Member Rostovsky thanked the City for the opportunity to serve the Community as a Board Member. Member Rostovsky also spoke of hosting a Trans Health Symposium March 2020.

Member Sanchez thanked Council for their support.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:33 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for **December 4, 2019** in City Hall Community Meeting room 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Staff Liaison

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