

**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2020
7 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Co-Chair Robert Gamboa.

1. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Robert Gamboa, Alana Roshay, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: Lauren Costine, Jason Frazier, Lucas Junkin, James Duke Mason.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Book, Jenny Ivanova.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Thursday, February 13, 2020. Motion by Co-Chair Roshay, seconded by Board Member Wright, and approved 6 to 0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of January 9, 2020. Motion by Co-Chair Roshay, seconded by Board Member Francesca, and approved 6 to 0.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Erickson reminded Board Members about “The Vagina Monologues,” being performed on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 16, at the City Council Chambers, with an after-party at the Kimpton La Peer Hotel after the second performance.

Fernando Morales provided greetings from Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and presented a proclamation from Supervisor Kuehl in recognition of the Advisory Board’s 30th anniversary.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Wright asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kobe Bryant and all who died in the helicopter crash of January 26, 2020, in Calabasas, CA.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN

Public Comment: Dan Morin spoke about the goal of dialogue between younger and older generations. He recommended that Board Members visit the Anna May Rosenstein campus of the Los Angeles LGBT Center. He also said that former Advisory Board Chair Ivy Bottini will be 94 in August 2020.

With regard to Goal 1 (Communicate recommendations to the City Council on the needs and concerns of the Board's constituency), Co-Chair Gamboa said that Alexis Sanchez, member of the Transgender Advisory Board, will assist.

With regard to Goal 2 (Provide recommendations on position the City Council might take on State and Federal legislation as it pertains to the Board's subject area), Board Member Wright was added to the group designated to lead on this.

With regard to Goal 3 (Assist in implementing Council-approved programs related to the Board's jurisdiction), members discussed plans for a community event to be held Oct. 3, 2020, in Fiesta Hall (or September if a time opens up).

After further discussion of Goals 4 and 5, the amended workplan was approved 6 to 0 on a motion by Co-Chair Roshay, seconded by Board Member Deitch.

B. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Member Francesca discussed spoke about plans for the May 2020 Rainbow Key event, including decorations, food, and photography.

Board Member Wright spoke about the Lesbian Visibility committee, including plans for April 26, Lesbian Visibility Day.

Co-Chair Gamboa spoke about the LGBT Future committee, which is talking about the Santa Monica/San Vicente plaza, signage, markers, and kiosks.

Board Member Deitch spoke about History/Herstory, which is considering having "Curator of History" as a goal for the City.

Board Member Wright spoke about whether the Board's area should be expanded to include pansexuality, and would like to look at the City's most recent Community Survey.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGING IN PLACE / AGING IN COMMUNITY YEAR THREE EVALUATION REPORT AND YEAR FOUR UPDATE

Public Comment: Dan Morin spoke about being a victim of the Ellis Act, being forced from a residential unit after 37 years. He asked the Advisory Board to encourage the City Council to have the City's legislative lobbyist be more aggressive on this subject.

The report on Aging in Place / Aging in Community was received and filed.

B. APPOINTMENT TO THE CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) WORKING GROUP

Staff said the anticipation is for the CAAP Working Group to meet four times during the rest of the year. By consensus this item was moved to the next agenda.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional Public Comment.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Board Member Wright spoke about attending the Transgender Advisory Board meeting, which received a presentation by the sex workers group and discussed trans voter empowerment and an event in Trans Awareness Month.

Co-Chair Roshay attended the Human Services Commission (HSC), which received a presentation from JQ International, which contracts with the City for a helpline service, and a presentation on Transit services. Co-Chair Roshay also attended the Public Safety Commission, which discussed crime and related topics.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Francesca asked for more information about the Dyke March.

Board Member Wright proposed an item for an upcoming agenda about fulfilling the possibility of having a youth member. There was no objection.

Co-Chair Gamboa spoke about the Ellis and Costa-Hawkins Acts.

Co-Chair Gamboa and Co-Chair Roshay have been working on ways to

increase accountability for the Advisory Board's actions, and plan to meet with Mayor D'Amico on this, as well as working with Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath, who is anticipated to be the next mayor.

Co-Chair Gamboa spoke about the funding issue that nearly forced the Los Angeles LGBT Center to cease HIV/STD testing in Hollywood and West Hollywood, and noted he is raising funds as part of the next AIDS/LifeCycle, to be held May 31-June 6, 2020.

Co-Chair Roshay noted that March 3, 2020, is the Presidential and Statewide Primary in California.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** In memory of Kobe Bryant and all who died in the January 26, 2020, helicopter crash in Calabasas, CA, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:03 pm to its next regular meeting, to be held Thursday, March 12, 2020, 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 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018

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Robert Gamboa
Co-Chair

Attest:

Jenny Ivanova
Secretary