

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MEETING
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THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Alex Paris, Rene Sotile, Jackie Steele, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Hernan Molina, Melissa Crowder, Danny Casillas, David Wilson.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Move to Approve the Agenda of Thursday, April 8, 2021 as amended. Motion by Deitch, Second by Co-Chair Gamboa and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Approve the minutes of March 11, 2021; Motion by Co-Chair Gamboa, second by Whitaker and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angela De Silva, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about the Women's Advisory Board and the Board's desire to host an Ivy Bottini Day in August 2021. Lucas J. Junkin, WEST HOLLYWOOD, bid the Board farewell.

7. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Deitch spoke about Ivy Bottini's virtual Memorial on April 24.

Board Member Steele thanked former Board Member Junkin for his service, requested that the Board adjourn in memory of Rayanna Pardo and spoke about a study published by Transmasculine Health Justice in Los Angeles.

Board Member Whitaker bid former Board Member Junkin farewell.

Co-Chair Gamboa, thanked former Board Member Junkin for his service and asked to adjourn in memory of Ivy Bottini and all the community members that we lost to COVID-19 since the last meeting.

Co-Chair Wright spoke about “We Don’t Have Mother’s Day”, an event/drive for disowned queer youth sponsored by Project Q with Trans Lounge on May 9, 2021.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS AND ETHRIDGE AWARD

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board reviewed the most current list of nominees for the 2020 and 2021 Rainbow Key Award and made recommendations for the awards. The Board received an update from the Etheridge Award Subcommittee on the status of the selection process for this award.

Co-Chair Wright gave a summary of the Etheridge Committee update, where they nominated Lori Jean for the Etheridge Award.

ACTION: Accept the Etheridge Award Subcommittee’s nominee, Lori Jean, as the recipient of the Etheridge Award.

Motion: Deitch Second: Steele

Aye: Deitch, Francesca, Frazier, Sotile, Steele, Whitaker, Wright

Abstain: Paris

Recuse: Gamboa

The Board reviewed the nominees and took votes on all. The top eight votes received were for: Dante Alencastre, Grace Baldrige, Jeff Consoletti, Sophie B. Hawkins, Nik Kacy, Troy Masters, Paulo Murillo, and Dr. Adrian Ravarour.

ACTION: Name the top eight candidates as recipients of the Rainbow Key Awards.

Motion: Deitch Second: Francesca

Aye: Deitch, Francesca, Frazier, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile, Steele,

Whitaker
No: Wright

ACTION: Activate the Rainbow Key Awards Subcommittee

Motion: Gamboa Second: Francesca

All Ayes

B. LGAB WORKPLAN

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board reviewed the direction from the City Council item that was part of the Council's March 15, 2021 agenda and voted to assemble a subcommittee to develop recommendations for the Board's consideration..

ACTION: Incorporate the City Council's direction in Goal 5 as a task in the workplan and create a new LBGQTI+ subcommittee

Motion: Gamboa, Second: Deitch

Aye: Deitch, Francesca, Frazier, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile, Whitaker, Wright

No: Steele

ACTION: Accept Paris, Steele, Whitaker, Wright, Frazier as members of the LBGQTI+ Subcommittee

Motion: Gamboa Second: Wright

All Aye

The Board further discussed the name of the subcommittee and a subsequent motion was proposed altering the previous vote. The new motion is as follows:

ACTION: Amend the name of the Subcommittee to Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Make-Up and Purview Subcommittee

Motion: Steele, Second: Gamboa

Aye: Deitch, Francesca, Frazier, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile, Steele, Whitaker

No: Wright

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. JUNE PRIDE MONTH IN WEST HOLLYWOOD

The Lesbian & Gay Advisory reviewed plans being developed by the City for Pride Month and considered options to celebrate Pride in West Hollywood, including the possibility of holding a special joint meeting with the City's Transgender Advisory Board (TAB).

Gary LeGault, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about 923 Palm Avenue.

ACTION: Ask City Council to grant a special joint meeting with the Transgender Advisory Board and create an Ad-Hoc joint subcommittee with the Transgender Advisory Board to plan the special joint meeting event.

Motion: Wright Second: Gamboa

Aye: Deitch, Francesca, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile, Steele, Whitaker, Wright

No: Frazier

ACTION: Accept Board Members Deitch, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile and Steele as Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Members

Motion: Wright Second: Gamboa

All Aye

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Molina

- Look Ahead
- Look Back

Crowder

- Assistance to LGBT Owned Businesses and Increasing Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board items for discussion

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Co-Chair Gamboa reported on the Transgender Flag location as discussed at the March 17, 2031 Transportation Commission Meeting.

Board Member Steele requested to be the liaison for the Transgender Advisory Board.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Member Sotile gave a summary Domestic Violence subcommittee

ACTION: Agendize a discussion on increasing Domestic Violence Advocacy and Education awareness on a regular basis in West Hollywood in the Lesbian and gay arena

Motion: Sotile Second: Wright

All Aye

Board Member Steele joined the Bisexual Visibility Subcommittee
Board Member Sotile joined the Rainbow Key Awards
Subcommittee

C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Francesca spoke about meeting with the Rainbow Key Awards Subcommittee and a correction on his comment about Tweets publicizing the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.


Board Member Steele spoke about information of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner for the Domestic Violence Subcommittee and requested that the Bi Visibility Subcommittee meet soon.

Co-Chair Gamboa spoke about updating general subcommittee information.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Rayanna Pardo as well as all the community members that we lost to COVID-19 in the past month, at 9:12 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY
ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 13TH DAY OF MAY 2021

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Co-Chair

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Secretary