

**MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

***TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rostovsky called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rostovsky led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL** –

PRESENT:

- Member Deaton
- Member De La Cruz
- Member Fairchild
- Member Monroy
- Member Samala
- Member Wen
- Vice Chair Sanchez
- Chair Rostovsky

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the December 2, 2020 meeting. **Motioned by Member Samala, seconded by Member Deaton and approved.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the November 4, 2020 regular meeting. **Motioned by Member Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez and approved.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

7. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Monroy shared she was grateful to be around everyone and sent condolences to Yuni and her family. Member Monroy spoke out against the hate crimes that recently happened against the transgender community.

Member Wen thanked Staff and the Board for the work on TDOR. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of thirteen passed community members. Member Wen shared memories of Councilmember Duran and thanked him for his support and service to the community.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked the Board for the hard work and dedication displayed during Transgender Awareness Month. She shared her disappointment in there being no public comment tonight. Lastly, Vice Chair Sanchez asked staff to include Transgender Visibility Month and initiatives on the next agenda.

Chair Rostovsky thanked the Board and Staff for the work during Transgender Awareness Month. He also addressed the Board to think about ideas for Trans Visibility Month so that it can be discussed at the next month's meeting. Chair Rostovsky also asked Staff to add Transgender Visibility Month for next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.A. Presentation by Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison to the City of West Hollywood Women's Advisory Board on upcoming programming and initiatives. Accompanied by Member De Silva

Larissa Fooks, City of West Hollywood's Community Event Coordinator and Staff Liaison for Women's Advisory Board (WAB), presented information to the board on V-Day (a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls, started by author, playwright, and activist, Eve Ensler). She shared different events the City's WAB will host during the month of February 2021 and asked if a Board Member would be interested in representing the TAB as a liaison to participate in V-Day 2021, and marketing strategies. Ms. Fooks also shared that Human Trafficking Awareness Month is coming up. Ms. Fooks asked for the Board's support on spreading the word on Human Trafficking and getting resources out to the community and asked for their participation in a presentation before Council.

Angela De Silva, Vice Chair of the WAB, shared more information about the events the Board has been doing for the 19th Amendment, along with a presentation to City Council. She welcomed the Board to collaborate with the WAB in any upcoming events of interest to them.

Member Deaton shared the idea of having Trans Vagina Monologues for one of the events with the WAB.

Member Fairchild asked for clarification of what the WAB is looking for from them. She spoke in favor with the Board collaborating with the WAB.

Vice Chair Sanchez spoke in favor of working with the WAB in upcoming events.

Member Deaton and Member Monroy agreed to be liaisons to the WAB and will be in contact Ms. Fooks.

Member Wen inquired how the WAB defines a woman in representation.

The Board was invited to attend the WAB's next meeting on December 10th.

8.B. Debrief of the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) 2020 held on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Staff thanked the Board for their work on TDOR's production. Staff talked about the positive takeaways and asked the Board to remember to be involved in future event prepping and planning.

Member Deaton thanked Staff for their hard work on TDOR. Member Deaton spoke on the things she loved about TDOR's production to include the reading of the names, the MC and presenters.

Member Samala thanked Staff for their hard work on TDOR. She spoke of the death of Yuni. Lastly, she thanked the Board for their work on TDOR and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Yuni.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked Staff for their work on the TDOR. She asked for the City to do a better job in finding a production company. Lastly, Vice Chair Sanchez shared her thoughts on the reading of the names.

Staff addressed Vice Chair Sanchez's statements and shared with the Board the link to the Ceremony.

Member Deaton commented on the placement of the reading of the names.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Deaton sent her love to everyone and let them know how much she misses them.

Member Monroy wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Member Wen wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Member Wen also asked about having the Liaisons agendaized for the next meeting. Member Wen thanked the City and the Human Services Commission for recognizing community members during the World AIDS Day event.

Member Samala thanked the Board for their hard work. She wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Member Fairchild asked about the new councilmembers and when they will be appointing new members, and what that means for existing board members, particularly those who were directly appointed by Councilmembers who have not been reelected. She thanked Staff for their hard work on the Transgender Day of Remembrance ceremony. Lastly, Member Fairchild spoke in favor of using pre-recorded footage in future events, even if they are live.

Member De La Cruz wished Member Fairchild the best and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Vice Chair Sanchez wished Member Fairchild the best. She also reminded the Board that there is a vacancy and encouraged everyone to refer people.

Chair Rostovsky thanked Member Fairchild for her service to the community. He addressed mental health and its effects during the holiday season and encouraged Community to reach out if they need someone to talk to.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned to its next meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 PM via teleconference at 7:22pm.

Jacob Rostovsky
Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Hernan Molina
Staff Liaison

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