

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**\*TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rostovsky called the meeting to order at 6pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rostovsky led the pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           **Member Deaton  
Member Fairchild  
Member Johnson  
Member Samala  
Member Wen  
Vice Chair Sanchez  
Chair Rostovsky**

ALSO PRESENT:   **Mayor Lindsey Horvath  
Councilmember John D’Amico  
Councilmember Lauren Meister**

ABSENT:           **Member De La Cruz  
Member Monroy**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the November 4, 2020 meeting. **Motioned by Member Samala, seconded Member Johnson.**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the October 7, 2020 regular meeting and the minutes for the special meeting on October 21, 2020. **Motioned by Member Deaton, seconded Vice Chair Sanchez.**

6. **PRESENTATIONS: 2020 TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH KICK-OFF AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board kicked off Transgender Awareness Month with brief remarks by Mayor Lindsey P. Horvath. In addition, the Board recognized Nick Adams, Director of Transgender Media & Representation for

GLAAD for its efforts to properly represent transgender individuals and for ensuring that the transgender community is accurately portrayed in the media. The Board also recognized two organizations: Invisible Men, founded by Luckie Alexander and Trans Can Work for their work on behalf of transgender individuals. **No action required.**

Mayor Horvath thanked the Board and award recipients for the service they provide to the Community.

Councilmember Meister thanked the Board and award recipients for the service they provide to the Community.

Councilmember D'Amico thanked the Board and award recipients for the service they provide to the Community.

Vice Chair presented Nick Adams with an Award of Appreciation for individual for the work they do with GLAD for the Community.

Award recipient, Nick Adams, thanked the Board for the recognition of his work and thanked the Board for their service.

Chair Rostovsky presented Invisible Men's founder, Luckie Alexander, with an Award of Appreciation for the work Invisible Men does for the Community.

Award recipient, Luckie Alexander, thanked the Board for the recognition of his work for the trans-masculine community. He also thanked the Board for their service to the Community.

Member Deaton presented Trans Can Work with an Award of Appreciation for the work they do for the Community.

Trans Can Work staff thanked the Board for the recognition of the work they do for the Community.

Staff invited award recipients to attend the TransCanWork roundtable the Board is hosting this month.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dylan Cotter (626.297.0895), trans WeHo resident, spoke on his website FTM.gay, a Community forum.

## **8. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wen congratulated the recipients for the work and contributions they make to Community each day. He also adjourned the meeting in honor of three

trans siblings who have passed away since the last meeting. He talked about the name reading count is now up to 46.

Member Deaton congratulated award recipients and thanked the Council for showing up this evening. Lastly, she thanked her fellow board members for what they do.

Member Johnson thanked awards recipients for the work they do for the Community. Lastly, Member Johnson thanked the Board for the work that it does for Community and reminded everyone this is his last meeting.

Member Samala thanked all award recipients for the work they do for the Community. She also thanked Council for the support to the Board.

Member Fairchild congratulated all award recipients this evening. She also thanked Council for their attendance this evening.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked Member Johnson for his service on the Board and to the Community. She challenged the Board to do its part to continue to pave the way for the Community.

Chair Rostovsky thanked Member Johnson for his contributions to Community and the Board. Lastly, he thanked the award recipients again for their contributions to Community.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10.A. Update on Moderated Virtual Roundtable, November 12, 2020 – 5:00 PM**  
SUBJECT: Chair Rostovsky and City staff provided an update on the status of plans for the moderated virtual roundtable on Thursday, November 12, 2020, 5:00 PM, which will be moderated by NBC4 Anchor & Reporter Mekahlo Medina, featuring the following panelists: West Hollywood Councilmember John D'Amico; Community Organizer and Trainer, Alexis Sanchez; TWC's Vice President of Programs, Drian Juarez; Sharon Franklin Brown, Chief Human Resources Officer for The LA LGBTQI Center; Genevieve Morrill, President & CEO, West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and Torie Osborn, Sr. Strategist for Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Discussed additional promotional strategies for the moderated roundtable discussion in addition to the press release and social media postings the City has produced; 2) Considered reaching out to organizations and groups working to raise the visibility of the transgender community. **No action required.**

Staff provided updates on the roundtable event and encouraged everyone to share the event with Community members.

Vice Chair Sanchez asked everyone to submit questions to her and Staff directly. She asked if the meeting is going to also be shared on other platforms like YouTube and what the RSVP's and current marketing strategies are looking like.

Staff will schedule a meeting for a discussion of questions to be asked at the roundtable event.

### **10.B. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)**

**SUBJECT:** The Transgender Advisory Board discussed updates on production efforts for TDOR.

**ACTIONS:** 1) Staff reported on list of readers, 2) Finalized plans for script to be read by readers and to be recorded by TDOR's production team; 3) Finalized plans for blessing of TDOR; and 4) Finalized plans for speakers and remarks. **No action required.**

Staff provided updates on the production of TDOR, which will be produced by 11:11. Additionally, Staff encouraged the Board to sign up for the reading of names. Staff shared the script for the reading of the names recording.

Chair shared that there has been difficulty securing someone to bless the event and proposed the use of the City Poet Laureate.

Member Wen agreed to contact someone to bless the event and shared that it has already been stated that there would be a blessing.

Member Samala committed to finding someone to bless the event.

Member Deaton agreed to help Staff find a poet.

Vice Chair Sanchez spoke in favor of utilizing a Poet over a Prayer.

Member Deaton responded to Vice Chair's comments about offending Indigenous People.

Staff shared that a \$100 honorarium can be given to whomever does the Blessing.

Member Deaton said she will share all the information she has on hand for land acknowledgement during the blessing.

Staff gave a final rundown of TDOR production.

Member Deaton shared that she has contacted Blossom Brown, who agreed to MC TDOR.

Staff proposed having Angel Bonilla explain her track live and then shift to the pre-recorded version.

Staff told the Board about the montage, which will include clips of past TDOR events, and asked for the Board to submit clips as well.

Chair went over pending items to be done.

#### **11. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Staff encouraged Members who have not signed up for Direct Deposit to please do so by contacting Dee. Lastly, Staff shared the City's Event Workflow Spreadsheet.

#### **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Wen thanked Council and thanked Member Johnson for his work.

Member Johnson thanked the City and the Board and the opportunity to serve.

Member Fairchild thanked Member Johnson for his service.

Member Samala thanked Member Johnson for his service.

Member Deaton thanked Member Johnson for his service. She thanked Staff for their hard work in getting TDOR done and lastly thanked Community for their support.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked Member Johnson for his service.

Chair requested to agendaize a City Event Workflow Spreadsheet item for next meeting. He thanked Member Johnson for his service and thanked the Community allies for their support.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:50pm to its next meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM via teleconference.

*Jacob Rostovsky*

Transgender Advisory Board Chair

*Hernan Molina*

Staff Liaison

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