

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

**\*SPECIAL  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rostovsky called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rostovsky led the pledge of allegiance
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           **Member Deaton  
Member Johnson  
Member Monroy  
Member Wen  
Vice Chair Sanchez  
Chair Rostovsky**

ABSENT:           **Member De La Cruz  
Member Fairchild  
Member Samala**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the October 21, 2020 special teleconferencing meeting. Motioned by Member Monroy, seconded by Member Deaton.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
None.
6. **MEMBER COMMENTS**  
None.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**  
None.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
8.A. Trans Can Work Toolkit

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board received a report from the subcommittee on strategies to promote the toolkit that Trans Can Work developed, including but not limited to the production of a moderated roundtable discussion.

**ACTION:** Received and provide input. **No action required.**

Staff provided an update on the subcommittee's progress of the TransCanWork Roundtable event.

Staff shared the event will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 5pm. The Subcommittee has made contact with panelists for the event. Staff has been working on a press release. Lastly, Staff gave update on the graphic designer.

Member Wen provided updates and what's he's done to include Sharon Brown participation, Chief HR Officer at the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

Staff asked for the Board to decide on a title of the event.

Chair Rostovsky provided an update to include possible panelists, host / emcee of event, registration, event title options.

Member Wen provided feedback on one possible title name of "WhyTransCan"

Member Deaton provided a possible title name, "How to Create a Welcoming and Affirming Workplace for Gender Diverse People."

Member Wen proposed to skip "how to" and just start at "Creating..."

Chair and Vice-Chair discuss benefit of having FOX rep as a backup panelist for the event.

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

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board received an update on the actions taken to date related to the production of the City's TDOR.

**ACTION:** Received and provided input. **No action required.**

Chair Rostovsky provided the Board with updates on the progress of the planning committee in preparation for the TDOR evening event.

Member Monroy confirmed the performance of Angel Bonilla.

Member Deaton shared possible names of Blossom C Brown, Shia Diamond, Alex Grey / MJ Brown as performers.

Staff gave updates on the event producers being used. Staff also shared updates, press releases and response, and requested a song for the Community, like a theme song.

Member Monroy shared the song “Beautiful” by Christina Aguilera.

Member Johnson inquired about the detailed role of the production of the event, he placed an emphasis on the live chatbox to interact with Community, lack of promotion and registration process.

Member Wen shared the historical traumatizing reasoning for the importance of not sharing the cause of death of Community. He continued to go over the script proposal of Name, Age, Date and Location of Murder.

Staff talked about transitions for speaker to do to introduce the next speaker.

Member Deaton spoke on the placing of the blessing, which should be at the beginning to set the tone for Community.

Member Monroy also proposed using the song, “Ain’t No Sunshine,” by Bill Withers.

Member Deaton requested to know what the song is that Angel Bonilla will sing to make sure the song that she sings will flow with the event. She continued to talk about the cost of a synch license.

Chair Rostovsky proposed the delivery of the wreaths be on Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Board is welcomed for a socially distance photo-op.

Staff reminded the Board to sign up to read names.

Member Wen shared there are now 46 names to include, Rita Hester, Gwen Araujo and Monica Roberts.

Chair Rostovsky provided Board with update on the reading of the names, which will be pre-recorded on Zoom.

Member Deaton talked about the issuing of the awards for Community and Organization.

Member Wen suggested naming an award to Monica Roberts, a journalist who is one of the most respected Black transgender journalist in the country.

## **9. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

None.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## 11. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

None.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned to their next meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM via teleconference at 7:19pm.

*Jacob Rostovsky*

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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

*Hernan Molina*

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Staff Liaison

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