

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

**TELECONFERENCE
MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Rostovsky called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Rostovsky led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: **Member Deaton
Member De La Cruz
Member Samala
Member Johnson
Member Monroy
Member Wen
Vice Chair Sanchez
Chair Rostovsky**

ABSENT: **Member Fairchild**

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the September 2, 2020 meeting. **Motioned by Member De la Cruz and seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting. **Motioned by Member De la Cruz and seconded by Member Samala, noting a correction to the number of trans names read by Member Wen.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of a trans woman killed on August 31st. Lastly, he shared how thankful he was for persons working to bring justice for victims of hate crimes and spoke of events he attended.

Member Monroy expressed how thankful she was to be here and spoke in support of the trans flag remaining how it is.

Vice Chair Sanchez spoke about trans right victories in the week. She promoted the importance collaborating with other boards and commissions to continue to give voice to our community and its members.

Chair Rostovsky spoke about the special meeting last week and the importance of encouraging community members to be their authentic selves.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. City of West Hollywood, Arts Grants

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board received a presentation from Arts Grants Coordinator, Eva Angeloff, on Arts Grants available to be shared with the public. **No action required.**

Arts Grant Coordinator, Eva Angeloff, shared that there is \$6500 available in grant money and a mandatory boot camp for Trans Arts Initiative Grant.

Member Deaton, as a grant recipient, expressed thankfulness to the City and to the Arts for the chance to create.

The Trans Arts Initiative Grant is open to non WeHo residents, but the applicant must be within a 5 block radius of the City limits.

Eva Angeloff encouraged Board Members to share the opportunity with Community.

8.B. Trans Can Work

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board was given a presentation by Trans Can Work by Drian Juarez, Program Director and Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator with the City of West Hollywood. **No action required.**

Derek Murray provided the Board with background information on the relationship between the City and Trans Can Work.

Drian Juarez shared a presentation with the Board on what Trans Can Work has been doing for the West Hollywood business community during the pandemic.

Member De la Cruz recommended that the handouts and presentations be made available in Spanish.

Member Johnson asked for Trans Can Work to come back for next meeting, seconded by Chair, noting a recusal from VC Sanchez.

8.C. American Red Cross

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board did not receive a presentation by Jennifer Johnson. **No action required.**

Item tabled to a future meeting, date uncertain.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.A. Transgender Awareness Month

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board discussed virtual events to host during the month of November. **No action required.**

Member Johnson shared there needs to be a call to action, where Community can sign up for the reading of names.

Member Wen shared ideas for split screening name reads with a portrait of the victims.

Chair Rostovsky proposed the name reading process be smooth and clean cut.

Member Johnson shared that the facts should be shared – traumatic or not.

Member Monroy commented to keep in mind of the length of the video.

Vice Chair proposed that the reading of the names should be short.

Member Wen shared there are 34 names currently.

Member Deaton stated that the fallen community members are still human beings and should be respected and treated as such.

The Board has agreed to name, age, city, with a little talk about COD if available and a little bit about the victim, if available.

The outline of the program was proposed as follows: Open with Vice Chair. Blessing. Comments from Council. Performance. Reading of names. Grounding exercise and comments from Chair. Pan out of human rights triangle.

The Board was reminded that honorarium recipients need to be submitted by next meeting to guarantee they are paid.

Member Monroy agreed to make contact with potential performer.

Member Deaton nominated Lucky Alexander and Invisible T Men as organization and Drian Juarez as individual.

Vice Chair Sanchez nominated Nick Adams of GLAAD as individual.

Staff directed to schedule a special meeting for September.

9.B. National Transgender Virtual/Visibility March

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board discussed hosting a virtual march. **No action required.**

Staff shared there were no updates to provide on this event at the time of the meeting.

Member Wen would like for the City of West Hollywood to organize a cheer like other California cities.

10. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen thanked Bonnie for her service over the years to the Board.

Member Samala thanked Bonnie for her service to the Board and the Community.

Member Johnson thanked Bonnie for her service through the years and reminded everyone that he will be leaving the Board and requested everyone to challenge Community with being more active.

Member Deaton wished Bonnie the best and thanked her for her service to the Board and the Community.

Member De la Cruz thanked Bonnie for all she has done for the Board and Community throughout the years.

Vice Chair Sanchez thanked Bonnie for all her support through the years.

Chair Rostovsky thanked Bonnie for her dedication to and passion for the work she has done.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned to their next meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6 PM via teleconference @ 8:12pm.

Jacob Rostovsky

Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Hernan Molina

Staff Liaison

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