

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**\*TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Vice Chair Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           Member Samala  
                          Member Brown  
                          Member Alexander  
                          Member Nash  
                          Member Ruiz  
                          Member Luna  
                          Member Gray  
                          Member Robinson

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the agenda of the July 7, 2021, meeting. **Motioned by Member Samala, seconded by Member Nash and approved.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of the June 9, 2021, special meeting. **Motioned by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Samala, and unanimously approved.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Eugene Maysky**, Tenant Outreach Organizer for the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES) spoke about the services his organization provides for the community.

**Lindsey Deaton**, B. Lindsey Deaton, Commissioner, Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, City of West Hollywood. Lindsey spoke about the Cultural Equity Statement, she also informed the board that the Cultural Affairs Commission adopted a Cultural Equity Statement which had been received by the City Council of West Hollywood at its meeting on April 5, 2021.

## 7. Election of Vice Chair

The Transgender Advisory Board will conduct its annual election for Chair and Vice Chair.

**ACTION:** The Transgender Advisory Board elected Luckie Alexander as the Vice Chair to serve until the July elections. **Motioned by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Ruiz and approved.**

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.A. TRANSGENDER FLAG IN CROSSWALKS

The Transgender Advisory Board will receive a brief report from the City's Engineering Division, which has been directed by the City Council to gather input from the Transgender Advisory Board, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, and the Transportation Commission on the preferred intersection along Santa Monica Boulevard to place the transgender flag on crosswalks. The Board will consider providing feedback to City Staff so that it can be elevated to the City Council for its consideration.

The board received report from the Engineering Division, discussed the ideas, provided input to the City's Engineering Division's staff, which will be then presented to the City Council for its consideration.

#### **ACTION:**

The board voted to recommend that the City install the progressive trans flag on the SMB/SV crosswalk, which currently has the rainbow flag. Member Luna spoke about the colors of the proposed flag, which includes the colors of the transgender flag, the nonbinary flag, the intersex flag. This flag also represents Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.

### 9.B. INPUT REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

The Transgender Advisory Board provided input to City staff on the appropriate design and location of a memorial to be developed in remembrance of lives lost to suicide in the LGBTQ+ community.

#### **ACTION:**

On the memorial to remember LGBTQ+ people who committed suicide, the Board agreed that a quiet place at a neighborhood park like Laurel Park, Kings Road Park or even the parcel that is on the Fuller Avenue side at Plummer Park be considered as a potential site. There was less support for a quiet place at West Hollywood Park. They also suggested creating a zen space with benches, perhaps a water feature, a wall with inscriptions, a plaque or art, some thematic colors, etc. There was also a recommendation to include some sort of disclaimer that warns people that they are about to enter a memorial for victims of suicide. Some Board

Members felt that the issue of suicide can be quite triggering, and they felt a warning was warranted.

### **9.C. INPUT ON THE RENAMING OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY IN HONOR OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG**

The Transgender Advisory Board discussed the naming request for the West Hollywood Library and provided input as solicited by the City's Public Facilities Commission (PFC), which will hold a public hearing on the name request at an upcoming public meeting of the PFC in the fall of 2021.

Board members received update from Hernan Molina and continued discussion.

**Member Ruiz** suggested a different name, because thinks that a lot of places have already been named after RBG. Suggested the name of Sylvia Rivera (hope I spelled it correctly)

**Member Brown** does not have a problem with naming the library after RBG, but agreed with member Ruiz, that Marsha P. Johnson or Sylvia Rivera would be good.

**Member Luna** said that they strongly disagree with RGB name, because RGB was not a perfect icon for the stans movement.

**Chair Alexander** agreed with Ruiz and Luna and echoed the suggestions by members Luna and Ruiz to call the library after Sylva Rivera.

**Member Gray** suggested to find a name that will acknowledge both Rivera and Johnson.

**Vice Chair Robinson** made a motion to Call the Library after Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson with a plaque or a wing dedicated to RBG.

**Member Samala** seconded the motion.

Member Samala - yes  
Member Brown - no  
Member Alexander - yes  
Member Nash - abstain  
Member Ruiz - yes  
Member Luna – abstain  
Member Gray - no  
Member Robinson – yes

The motion passed.

### **ACTION:**

The Board recommended the PFC consider renaming the library in honor of legendary trans women Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera and adding RBG's name to a room or wing within the same property. The motion was to include both last names in the renaming as the Johnson Rivera Library. Information on both can be found here: Sylvia Rivera [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sylvia\\_Rivera](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sylvia_Rivera) and Marsha P. Johnson [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marsha\\_P.\\_Johnson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marsha_P._Johnson)

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **10.A. DEBRIEFING ON TRANSGENDER FOCUSED PRIDE EVENT JUNE 26, 2021.**

The Transgender Advisory Board debriefed on the event that was scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, at The Abbey, which had been canceled per a recommendation of most of the Board. The board members expressed their concern regarding the treatment of the members of Trans community by the management of the Abbey.

**ACTION:** After a lengthy discussion, the Board approved a motion to hold a special meeting of TAB on a date/time to be determined to specifically discuss the issue of transphobia at The Abbey. The motion was made by member Ruiz and Seconded by member Brown. The motion passed 7:1 with the member Luna abstain. This will be in addition to the regular meeting on August 4.

### **10.B. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF TAB AND LGAB**

The Transgender Advisory Board received an update from Jackie Steel, member of the LGAB, on the LGAB/TAB Ad-Hoc Working Group regarding plans for a joint special meeting of LGAB and TAB.

**ACTION:** The joint LGAB/TAB subcommittee comprised of Members: Luna, Gray, Robinson, and Alexzander will meet on July 21 with the LGAB subcommittee led by Jackie Steel of the LGAB to advance some of the work related to that special meeting and to provide additional direction to the members of TAB's Joint Ad-Hoc Working Group on the format of the joint meeting and possible dates/times.

### **10.C. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (DV/IPV) IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD**

The Transgender Advisory Board received a report on the motion, which was elevated to the City Council for its consideration. This motion includes a set of recommendations formulated by the Joint Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) Subcommittee on ways to enhance the City's efforts to increase awareness about existing resources for victims of DV/IPV in West Hollywood. The joint subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, Transgender Advisory Board and the Women's Advisory Board. Member Luna, who is the TAB representative to the LGAB/WAB/TAB joint subcommittee on DV/IPV, provided update to the board regarding the need to enhance the promotional campaign and awareness of the issue and on the status of the joint motion that has been forwarded to the City Council.

**ACTION:**

Member Luna made a motion that was proposed by the members of other advisory boards to put forward the updates to the resources on **DV/IPV** for the community. Member Samala seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to endorse

the joint motion by WAB/LGAB and TAB, which aims to enhance the City's campaign on DV/IPV.

#### 11. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Ruiz gave a shout out to the CES for their work. Member Ruiz also spoke regarding recommendations for the next meeting agenda:

1. Member Ruiz would like to include discussion on the term limits for the board members.
2. Budgeting for the committee.
3. Trans Pride.

Member Ruiz also asked all members of the board to read the agenda before the meeting and be respectful of the time that could be spent more productively if everybody was familiar with the agenda items in advance.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:18 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
ON THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2021

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Luckie Alexander, Chair

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