

**MINUTES  
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MEETING  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021  
7:00 PM  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Board Co-Chair Gamboa led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED LGAB MEMBER.** Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister administered the Oath of Office to Miss Tiger.
4. **ROLL CALL**
  - PRESENT:** Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Alex Paris, Rene Sotile, Miss Tiger, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.
  - ABSENT:** Jackie Steele.
  - ALSO PRESENT:** Hernan Molina, Melissa Crowder, Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister, Councilmember John Erickson, Walter Davis, David Wilson, and Danny Casillas.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Move to move items 11.B, 10.C and 13.B to before Item 9 and Approve the Agenda of Thursday, June 10, 2021, as amended. Motion by Co-Chair Gamboa, second by Francesca and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Approve the minutes of May 13, 2021; Motion by Deitch, second by Frazier and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember John Erickson, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, wished the Board a Happy Pride Month.

Miss Tiger, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about what inspired them to join the Board.

Genevieve Morrill, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about Gay Pride Events Contract.

Dean Ambrosini, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced himself as the new Prevention Coordinator for the West Hollywood Project.

K. Bradford, CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke about WALK THE WALK: A COMMUNITY THEATER PROJECT featuring rans, gnc, nonbinary, intersex community members on June 23 and 30.

#### **8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Deitch announced the date of Simi Valley Pride on June 26, 2021, spoke about the AIDS Memorial groundbreaking, and expressed disappointment about the Board not being notified of notable gay events in the city.

Board Member Sotile asked that the Board adjourn in memory of composer, Peter Fish and in memory of Janie the community cat.

Board Member Miss Tiger thanked the Board for their work and service.

Board Member Frazier welcomed Miss Tiger and asked that the Board adjourn in memory of members of the Trans Community that were murdered in the past month; Danika “Danny” Henson, Serenity Hollis, Oliver “Ollie” Taylor, Thomas Hardin and Poe Black.

Board Member Francesca welcomed Miss Tiger and expressed disappointment about feeling that the LGAB has been left out of several City events.

Co-Chair Gamboa agreed with Board Member Francesca, welcomed Miss Tiger and invited new board members, including since 2020, to meet in person with the co-chairs over coffee.

Co-Chair Wright gave a shout out to Board Members Francesca and Steele for their work on events that have benefitted several community charities.

#### **11. B. TRANSGENDER FLAG IN CROSSWALKS**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received 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 discussed various options for flag placement and various flag designs.

**ACTION: Recommend that the Progressive Flag be placed at La Cienega/Santa Monica & Robertson/Santa Monica intersections and the Transgender flag at San Vicente/Santa Monica.**

Motion: Deitch Second: Gamboa

Aye: Deitch, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile, Miss Tiger, Wright

No: Frazier

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

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board reviewed a set of recommendations from its Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) Subcommittee, which has been working with representatives from the Transgender Advisory Board and the Women's Advisory Board on ways to enhance the City's efforts to increase awareness about existing resources for victims of DV/IPV in West Hollywood.

**ACTION: Approve presentation of these recommendations to the City Council for its consideration.**

Motion: Sotile, Second: Deitch

All Aye

**13. B. BIVISIBILITY WEEK**

Co-Chair Wright presented the motion which was determined by the BiVisibility subcommittee.

**Action: Approve the Celebration of Our Bi-Community Members during BiVisibility week, which will occur 09/16/2021 through 09/23/2021. The BiVisibility Subcommittee requests funding of \$3500 to create 10 public awareness video vignettes, host one (1) community discussion on microaggressions towards the Bi-Community, and host one (1) panel discussion on the Bi-Communities' Past, Present, and Future.**

Motion: Wright, Second: Gamboa

All Aye.

**10. A. RAINBOW KEY AND ETHERIDGE AWARDS.**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board (LGAB) received a report and recommendations from its Rainbow Key Awards (RKA) Subcommittee

regarding possible dates/times for the Rainbow Key and Etheridge awards. The Board also received information on other production elements for this virtual event.

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

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report from members of the LGAB/TAB Ad-Hoc Working Group regarding plans for a joint special meeting of LGAB and the Transgender Advisory Board (TAB).

**10. D. IVY BOTTINI DAY**

Board Member Sotile gave an update on ongoing discussions and plans for the Ivy Bottini Day.

**10. E. JUNE PRIDE**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received an update on the plans being developed by the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to celebrate Pride in West Hollywood, June 26-27, 2021.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. A. STUDY SESSION ON LGAB'S PURVIEW AND COMPOSITION**

Tabled to a future meeting.

**11. C. INPUT REGARDING INSTALLATION OF A MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF LIVES LOST TO SUICIDE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY**

**ACTION: Form an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee consisting of Deitch, Frazier, Gamboa, Sotile and Miss Tiger.**

Motion: Gamboa Second: Deitch

Aye: Deitch, Frazier, Gamboa, Paris, Sotile, Miss Tiger,

No: Wright

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments

**13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member Paris welcomed Miss Tiger

Co-Chair Gamboa thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Danika “Danny” Henson, Serenity Hollis, Oliver “Ollie” Taylor, Thomas Hardin and Poe Black, at 8:57 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2021

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*Robert Gamboa*

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Co-Chair

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Secretary