

**MINUTES
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
6:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Board Member Kacy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Alexander, Board Member Brown, Board Member Kacy, Board Member Luna, and Board Member Samala

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Robinson, Board Member Gray, Board Member Nash, Board Member Ruiz

ALSO PRESENT: Yvonne Quarker, Community Services Director, Andi Lovano, Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, and Larissa Fooks, Community Programs Coordinator.

C. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022, MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to move by Board Member Kacy, seconded by Board Member Samala, and approved 5 to 0 by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 5, 2022, MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to move by Board Member Kacy, seconded by Board Member Brown, and approved 4 to 0 by roll call vote, noting the abstention by Board Member Samala.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember John Erickson notified the board on upcoming agenda items that may be of interest and thanked the board for the work they continue to engage in and for providing support for the City's transgender community.

Steve Galindo, recent recipient of the Transgender Arts Initiative, thanked the board for their role in supporting trans and queer artists in West Hollywood. Steve also shared information on two upcoming events:

Trans Day of Visibility "As We Are, Pillars of Society"
Art Exhibit
March 17, 2022 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
The Connie Norman Transgender Empowerment Center
1001 N Martel Ave
West Hollywood, CA 90046

Trans Visibility Day Pop-Up Art Exhibit
March 31, 2022 | 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
7701 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90046

*The exhibit will be available for viewing until April 15th

2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

A. International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) (returned to this item after item 3.C. to create list of trans folk to highlight for International Transgender Day of Visibility Digital Project)

The Board discussed the City's celebration of the International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) on March 31, 2022, and provided the following list of people to highlight:

1. Miss Major Griffin-Gracy
2. Marsha P. Johnson
3. Rachel Levine
4. Connie Norman
5. Sylvia Rivera
6. Geo Soctomah Neptune
7. Valerie Spencer
8. Alok Vaid-Menon
9. Sir Lady Java
10. Tracey Norman aka Tracey Africa
11. Chase Stranglo
12. River Gallo
13. Cristina Ortiz (La Veneno)
14. Lou Sullivan
15. Jim McHarris
16. Storme Delarverie
17. Kyalar Brodus
18. Leslie Monroy
19. Billy Tipton
20. Dr. Allen L. Hart
21. Michael Dillon
22. Joey Soloway
23. Imara Jones
24. Sean Saifa Wall
25. Mari Wrobi
26. Reed Erickson
27. Mari Wrobi

*7:09 – Board Member Nash made a recommendation to remove Michaela Mendelsohn.

ACTION: Motion to approve the abovementioned list of people to highlight as part of the International Transgender Day of Visibility Digital Project.

Motion to move by Chair Alexander, seconded by Board Member Kacy, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote.

B. Workplan Discussion

The Board discussed their workplan and provided updates to staff liaison, Moya Marquez.

Board Member Luna also asked that Nonbinary People's Day, Indigenous People's Day, and Intersex Awareness Day be included in the Transgender Advisory Board's workplan.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Lesbian and Queer Women's Visibility Week

The Transgender Advisory Board continued to develop their workplan.

ACTION: Designate Board Member Brown to represent the Transgender Advisory Board on the Lesbian and Queer Women's Visibility Week event planning group.

Motion to move by Board Member Brown, seconded by Board Member Kacy, and approved 5 to 0 by roll call vote.

B. WeHo Pride

The Board discussed planning for WeHo Pride 2022, including the possibility of holding a separate TAB Pride event.

Staff asked the board to provide input on a potential TAB Pride event and whether the board would support a separate event.

Board Member Kacy asked for more inclusion of trans folk at WeHo Pride event.

Board Member Luna asked whether the board had enough time to schedule and plan a separate event.

Board Member Blossom agreed with Board Member Kacy's comments but expressed interest in the board planning a separate event. Board Member Blossom also emphasized the need for more trans-leadership in the WeHo pride event.

*Board Member Nash joined the meeting at 6:51pm.

C. International Day Against Transphobia, Homophobia and Biphobia

Staff brought forward this item for Vice-Chair Robinson, who was absent.

Board Member Blossom pointed out the nuanced differences between transphobia, homophobia and biphobia, and emphasized the need for transphobia to be highlighted.

Board Member Luna suggested putting this event on pause until the Board has the capacity and time to devote to planning and coordinating.

ACTION: Table Item 3.C. to the next meeting.

Motion to move by Chair Alexander, seconded by Board Member Kacy, and approved 5 to 0 by roll call vote, noting the abstention by Board Member Luna.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Chair Alexander asked for an update on the proposed town halls by Vice-Chair Robinson. Staff liaison, Moya Marquez informed the board that Vice-Chair Robinson did not have any updates and provided a reminder to the board that at their previous meeting, they voted to designate board members to the public safety committee working group.

Board Member Luna shared information on an upcoming LA LGBT Center event that will take place on March 19th from 12:00pm -3:00pm, as well as a virtual job fair.

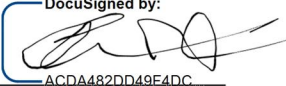
Board Member Samala asked staff to provide an update on whether the Certificate for Leslie Munroe was sent to the family.

6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff liaison, Moya Marquez informed Board Member Samala that the Certificate was sent to the family, and that they will follow-up offline to confirm with staff.

Staff liaison, Larissa Fooks provided a status-update on the joint domestic violence/intimate partner violence recommendations from last year that culminated in a Council item.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:29 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, via Teleconference.

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Luckie Alexander, Chair

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Jasmine Duckworth, Acting Recording Secretary