

Memo

To: Mayor Pro Tempore Sepi Shyne, City Councilmember John D'Amico

From: Megan Reath, Event Services Supervisor

CC: David Wilson, City Manager; Yvonne Quarker, Director of Community Services; Cleo Smith, Event Services Manager

Date: 08/16/2022

Re: Additional information for Item 3.A. on the 08/17/2022 Pride Subcommittee Agenda

At its meeting on July 6, 2022, the Transgender Advisory Board discussed WeHo Pride as part of their agenda. At its meeting on July 14, 2022, the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board discussed WeHo Pride as part of their agenda.

Included in this memo are Attachment A, the Transgender Advisory Board minutes from their July 6, 2022 meeting, and Attachment B, The LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Minutes from their July 14, 2022 meeting.

**MINUTES
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022
6:00 PM**

**West Hollywood Plummer Park
Rooms 5 & 6
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM

A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –Chair Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Alexander, Vice-Chair Robinson, Board Member Nash, Board Member Kacy, Board Member Samala, Board Member Ruiz

ABSENT: Board Member Gray, Board Member Luna, Board Member Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Moya Marquez, Community Programs Coordinator and TAB Liaison, Yvonne Quarker, Community Services Director, Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, and Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 6, 2022, MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to move by Board Member Ruiz, seconded by Member Kacy, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 1, 2022, MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to move by Board Member Kacy, seconded by Board Member Ruiz, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsey Deaton, Arts and Cultural Affairs Commissioner, talked about Arts Grants and informed the board that the city offers \$25,000 a year for the transgender Arts Initiative grants and the deadline was July 1, 2022. More than 18 applications were received this year, which is more than double than the commission usually receives. Lindsey encouraged the board members to talk to their appointing Council Members regarding reallocation of the funds for the LGBTQ pride Arts Festival and regarding the support of

a production or co-sponsorship of the trans vagina diaries, as well as the Transgender Awareness Month. Lindsey thanked the board for spreading the word out. Lindsey also talked about putting on the agenda the item about Trans Pride 2023.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Domestic Violence / Intimate Partner Violence / Mental Abuse Awareness

The Board will receive an update about the status of previous recommendations regarding Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence made by a joint LGAB/TAB/WAB subcommittee last year, focused on improving/expanding awareness/educational messaging on DV/IPV, which included mental abuse awareness.

ACTION:

Moya Marquez provided update about the previous recommendations by a joint LGAB/TAB/WAB subcommittee. **Staff liaison Marquez** referred to the staff report, which had been provided for the board members in the agenda package and asked the board to provide their recommendations. **Vice Chair Robinson** talked about inclusiveness of the language used in the graphics. Member Kacy supported the argument. **Member Ruiz** commented that domestic violence and other issues related to the problem look very different in a transgender relationship with a cisgender male and said that more content should be added on the transgender nonbinary like content to show what it looks like.

Member Kacy recommended to create graphics with less actual text on it, make it more of an infographic with that's more graphical and then put the text in the actual description.

Vice Chair Robinson suggested that the graphic should be more inclusive of the Trans Pride Flag.

Member Ruiz talked about trigger warnings and labels to them when the graphics get shared on social media.

Chair Alexander spoke about the necessity to have a break down the differences between sis women and sis men, as well as trans and non-binary individuals.

Yvonne Quarker said that Social Services Division is working on the updates to the website page and if the board has any recommendations, they can be submitted through the staff liaisons.

No action taken.

B. WEHO Pride Debrief

The Board will be given an opportunity to discuss and give feedback or debrief on the TAB Booth at WEHO Pride.

ACTION:

The board members discussed the past event.

Member Kacy talked about the organization of the booth at the event and would like to have more control of the booth and have more members participate

Vice-Chair Robinson talked about the location of the booth and wanted to have more visibility.

Member Ruiz talked about the noise during the whole time of the

event and mentioned that some members didn't show for their shifts and wanted to encourage other members to be more responsible about keeping their obligations. Member Ruiz also mentioned that to have more resources and activities for the public would be beneficial.

Member Nash spoke about the location, sound and shifts and signage. Member Nash wanted to have a better signage for the future.

Yvonne Quarker talked about the amount of time the board members need to staff the booth. Yvonne mentions that the board members are not necessarily obligated to be there for three days.

Member Samala said that it is important to be there for three days as the community need the valuable information and support the board members can provide.

Members also discussed some safety concerns.

No action taken

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Coalition for Economic Survival Presentation

The Board will receive a brief presentation from the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)

ACTION: the presentation will be rescheduled.

B. TAB Chair and Co-Chair Election

The Board will hear from the City Clerk's office about the election process for the new Chair and Co-Chair of the Transgender Advisory board and will nominate and elect a new Chair and Co-Chair of the Transgender Advisory Board for the August 2022- June 2023 period.

ACTION: Melissa Crowder, West Hollywood City Clerk, conducted the elections. The board elected member Nash as the Chair of the board and member Ruiz as a Vice Chair.

C. Status Report on Board Recommendations

The Board will receive updates from staff regarding the status of their recent recommendations and details about how recommendations move forward after the Board take actions.

ACTION: Staff Liaison Marquez spoke regarding Community Safety Townhall. **Melissa Crowder** informed the board about the preliminary confirmed date for the Townhall. It will be Monday, August 1, 2022, at 4 PM to 5:30 PM. The board had selected two individuals to participate. Two individuals would be invited as well. The meeting will be televised. No Action taken.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Member Ruiz spoke about the bill that was signed by Gavin Newsome into law. The bill is about safer streets for All Act. It was a big celebration, specifically, because oftentimes that it was used for the intent of prostitution to target trans women, specifically black and brown trans women across

Santa Monica Boulevard and other places. Member Ruiz also encouraged the board members to connect with the congress, because recently, the trans Bill of Rights was introduced, and hopefully it becomes codified into law.

6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff Liaison Marquez thanked the outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair and welcomed the new coming Chair and Vice-Chair.

Melissa Crowder informed the board that the City Clerk along with the City Manager will be hosting a meeting and a training for Chairs and Vice Chairs. And it would be an opportunity for the board members to talk with the City Manager.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:06 PM to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held at rooms 5 & 6 at West Hollywood Plummer Park.

Luckie Alexander, Chair

Attest:

Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary

MINUTES
LGBTQ+ ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, July 14, 2022
7:00 PM

Plummer Park – Rooms 5 & 6
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90046

1. CALL TO ORDER - Co-Chair Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Board Member Paris read the City's Land Acknowledgement.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board Member Deitch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Board Member Ai, Board Member Deitch, Co-Chair Frazier, Board Member Gamboa, Board Member Jenkins, Board Member Paris, Board Member Sotile, and Board Member Miss Tiger

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Yvonne Quarker, City of West Hollywood Community Services Director, and Andi Lovano, City of West Hollywood Community and Legislative Affairs Manager.

D. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 14, 2022, MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to approve the Agenda of Thursday, June 9, 2022, and move item 2.A. from Consent to Excluded Consent. Motion by Board Member Gamboa, seconded by Board Member Jenkins.

E. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 9, 2022, MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of May 12, 2022.

Motion by Board Member Miss Tiger, seconded by Board Member Jenkins, and approved, noting the abstention by Board Member Gamboa.

****Board Member Ai joined the meeting at 7:10pm.***

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Status Report on Board Recommendations

ACTION: This item was moved to Excluded Consent .

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Domestic Violence / Intimate Partner Violence/Mental Abuse Awareness

The Board received an update from the Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, Andi Lovano, about the status of previous recommendations regarding Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence. The Board provided input and feedback on the proposed graphics for Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence/Mental Abuse Awareness and suggested to include a QR code and additional languages in addition to there being a focus on collecting data related to DV/IPV/Mental Abuse Awareness and dating apps be included.

Community Services Director, Yvonne Quarker stated that she has requested that Communications provide the Board with information on how events are marketed, and what outreach the Department provides. She stated that she would provide additional information from Communication at either the August or September meeting.

B. Rainbow Key Awards

The Board debriefed about the Rainbow Key Awards and reviewed the draft revised guidelines.

Key changes to the guidelines were that the nomination period will begin December 1, 2022, and will end January 31, 2023, with the Board scheduled to provide final feedback on the nominees during the month of February.

C. Pride Debrief

The Board debriefed about WeHo Pride, provided suggestions to staff, and invited the community to attend the City of Los Angeles' DTLA Proud, scheduled for Friday, August 5th.

The Board provided the following notes related to WeHo Pride 2022:

- Ask the Pride Event Producer to reach out to DTLA Proud producers for guidance, suggestions, and ideas
- Having more accessible and affordable options for WeHo Pride attendees.
- Encouraging future Pride event producers to increase engagement with community members and the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board in planning of future WeHo Pride events.
- A request to hold a Pride Town Hall in the next few months to gather feedback from the community.
- Creating more visibility of LGBTQ+ Advisory Board members in Pride events including the parade.
- Encouraging more promotion of affinity group activities and free activities taking place outside of the ticketed concert area.

D. Bi-Visibility Week

ACTION: Motion to table this item by Co-Chair Frazier, seconded by Board Member Ai, and approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. LGBTQ+ Advisory Board's Co-Chair Election

Yvonne Quarker, Director of Community Services, guided the board through the election process for the new Co-Chairs of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

ACTION: The Board elected MoJen Jenkins and Miss Tiger as the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board Co-Chairs, noting the abstention of Board member Sotile.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

A. Liaison Reports

Board Member Miss Tiger provided updates on the Drag Laureate program and informed the Board that the nomination period is scheduled to open in July 2022.

ACTION: Motion to extend the meeting by an additional 10 minutes by Co-Chair Frazier, seconded by Board Member Gamboa, and approved.

B. Subcommittees And Ad-Hoc Working Groups Reports

The Board discussed scheduling future meetings for the Legislative Subcommittee and Futures Subcommittee, and Bi-Visibility Planning.

C. Other Items From Board Members

Board Member Gamboa and Board Member Ai provided updates about the Monkeypox virus and informed Board members about upcoming town halls and vaccination clinics.

8. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Andi Lovano, Community & Legislative Affairs Manager, informed the Board that October is Disabilities Awareness Month, and the Disabilities Service Awards nomination period is open now until August 5th. The press release, additional information and nomination forms are available on the City website at www.weho.org/services/social-services/disability-services/disability-service-awards.

Andi also provided updates on the upcoming Monkeypox Town Hall being coordinated by the City and the Los Angeles Blade on Wednesday, July 27th at West Hollywood City Council Chambers.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The LGBTQ+ Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Glen Brown and in celebration of the Gay Men's Chorus of LA's 43rd anniversary and upcoming concerts on August 13th and August 14th at 9:24pm to its regularly scheduled meeting, which will be held in-person on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Plummer Park in Rooms 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m.