

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

A. Land Acknowledgment –Vice Chair Ruiz

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B. Pledge of Allegiance – Board Member Robinson

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

C. Roll Call

Present: Chair Nash, Vice-Chair Ruiz, Boardmember Brown, Boardmember Alexander, Boardmember Samala, Boardmember Robinson, Boardmember Luna, and Boardmember Kacy.

Absent: Boardmember Gray

D. Approval of the, December 7, 2022 Meeting Agenda

The Board was requested to approve the November 2, 2022 Meeting Agenda as posted.

ACTION: Motion to approve agenda by Chair Nash and seconded by Boardmember Robinson. Motion passed

E. Approval of the November 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve by **Boardmember Alexander** and seconded by **Vice-Chair Ruiz** and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

F. Public Comment

The public is given the opportunity to address the Board on any item within its responsibility. Speakers are limited to two minutes each. If you would like to present public comment at the meeting, please see the section titled "TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC MEETING" on the first page of this Meeting Agenda.

There were no public comments.

Board Member Kacy joined the meeting at 6:12

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) Event Debrief

The Transgender Advisory Board shared their thoughts on TDOR event held on November 20, 2022.

Boardmember Kacy praised the event as well as Chair Nash and other board members

Staff liaison Marquez thanked the subcommittee for their work.

ACTION: Received and filed. No action taken.

Board Member Brown joined the meeting at 6:18

B. Response to Nighttime Safety Study Session

The board received a comprehensive response to questions raised during the Nighttime Safety Study Session held on August 22, 2022.

Staff provided the overview of the staff report that was included into the package.

Member Brown talked about specifics of assaults targeting Trans community and said that the consequences need to be more intense

Member Nash commented on the number of hours law enforcement personnel is supposed to spend on sensitivity training and suggested the increase up to 24 hours.

Public Speaker: Mariah Darling, West Hollywood resident spoke regarding safety issues experienced by Trans Community in the City of West Hollywood and talked about the law enforcement response to Trans Women in danger.

ACTION: Received and filed. No action taken.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial Review Process Appointees

The Board considered appointing up to three members to work with the Public Facilities Commission Ad Hoc Committee developed to gather more precise and detailed information on the Council proposed LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial. **Helen Collins**, Facilities and Field Services Division Manager provided a background information about the memorial.

ACTION: Chair Nash, Vice Chair Ruiz, Boardmember Alexander volunteered to participate in the process of gathering more precise and detailed information on the proposed LGBTQ+ Suicide Memorial. Motion to approve by Chair Nash, seconded by member Brown. Motion passed.

Board member Luna joined the meeting at 6:28 PM

B. Resource Presentations

The Board was supposed to consider a list of resource presenters to visit TAB monthly. Vice Chair Ruiz prepared the list of organizations.

Boardmember Brown said that the board needs to know the demographics of the Trans community in West Hollywood and specific needs of this community and then talk about resources.

Board Member Luna spoke about social services contracts.

Chair Shane suggested that the board should first invite Social Services representatives to talk about the demographics and needs of the Trans and LGBTQI+ communities in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: Motion to invite Social Services representatives to speak about Trans Community by Boardmember Kacy, seconded by Boardmember Brown. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

C. PrEP/PEP Access & City Hearing

The Board considered appointing a representative to work with City staff on an upcoming hearing to address issues with PrEP/PEP access to be held in January.

Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison for the City of West Hollywood, provided the background information on the city involvement in various initiatives concerning prevention and treatment of HIV thought the years and about making PrEP and PEP readily available and accessible to various groups of population.

Chair Nash, Vice Chair Ruiz and Member Brown volunteered to represent the board to work with City staff on an upcoming hearing to address issues with PrEP/PEP access to be held in January.

Member Robinson made a motion to approve, seconded by member Kacy. Motion passed by the roll call vote.

ACTION: Review the attached staff report and appoint one person from the Transgender Advisory Board to assist staff with the upcoming hearing to discuss issues with PrEP/PEP access.

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5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Member Samala spoke about the investigation of a murder of a Trans person.

Member Ruiz said that the relatives of that person contacted them for assistance in the investigation.

Chair Nash acknowledged Councilmember D'Amico retirement from the City Council and also acknowledged businesses that donated to TDOR. Chair Nash also wanted to adjourn the meeting in the memory of the Trans person who passed away recently and spoke about a year anniversary of the incident that had happened to him.

Member Brown acknowledged the new role of Lindsey Horwath who had been a great supporter of the community.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 6:00p.m. to be held in- person at West Hollywood Plummer Park, Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

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