

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

**West Hollywood City Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Community Meeting Room  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard  
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Samala called the meeting to order at 6:17pm

**A. Land Acknowledgement** – Read by Vice Chair Brown

*“The West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board acknowledges that the land on which we gather and that is currently known as the City of West Hollywood is the occupied, unceded, seized territory of the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kizh peoples.”*

**B. Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Samala

*“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 Samala, Vice-Chair Brown, Board Member Dae, Board Member Nash, Board Member Padilla, Board Member Singleton, Board Member Robinson

**Absent:** None

**Also present:** Yvonne Quarker, Community Services Director, Jennifer Del Toro, Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, Staff Liaison, Moya Marquez, and Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary.

*\*Board Member Robinson arrived at 6:27pm*

Board Member Nash encouraged the Board to do what they could to continue to create a safe space at WeHo Pride and suggested that the Board split booth space with a community organization. Board Member Nash also emphasized the importance of posting signage so attendees could readily find the Transgender Advisory Board booth.

Board Member Robinson emphasized the importance of having a Trans-centric booth at Pride and suggest having Trans-resources available and highlighted if the Board decided to share space with a community organization.

Vice Chair Brown suggested that the Board be open to non-Trans folk staffing the booth and asked if the Trans booth could be positioned next to the City booth. Vice Chair Brown asked staff if snacks, waters, and phone charging stations could be available for TAB volunteers.

Board Member Dae emphasized the importance of signage and suggested the Board highlight Trans organizations and non-profits while also considering non-Trans organizations that may be interested in participating. Board Member Dae also suggested the possibility of Board Members dedicating three hours each if their schedules permit.

Staff notified the Board that they will follow-up with JJLA to see if a Trans booth could be staffed by a Trans-led community organization.

Joseph Green suggested the Transgender Caucus as a potential community organization that may be interested in staffing the TAB booth at Pride.

**ACTION:** Motion to staff a Trans Booth at WeHo Pride for two days, by Board Member Robinson, seconded by Board Member Nash, and approved.

**ACTION:** Motion to direct staff to look into other Boards, Commissions, and community organizations to staff the Trans Booth by Board Member Nash, seconded by Vice Chair Brown.

**ACTION:** Motion that the Advisory Board occupy two 10 x 10 tents and share half the space with a community organization by Board Member Nash, seconded by Vice Chair Brown, and approved.

Board Member Singleton asked if the subcommittee could suggest time slots so Board Members could access their networks to see if they know of folks interested in volunteering to staff the table.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

**ACTION:** Motion for the TAB to recognize International Day Against Transphobia, Biphobia, and Homophobia on May 17<sup>th</sup> by Board Member Robinson, seconded by Board Member Padilla, and approved.

Board Member Robinson also asked if the Board could hold a Board Retreat and invite members of the community to meet the Transgender Advisory Board.

Moya Marquez, staff liaison informed the Board that the retreat would more than likely occur next fiscal year in June/July.

Board Member Dae notified the Board about an upcoming event – Artful Visions – which will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### **ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

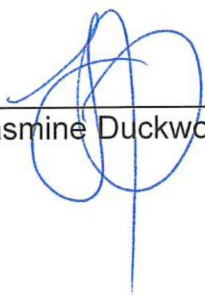
Staff liaison, Moya Marquez congratulated the Board on a great meeting and thanked the Board Members for their work. Additionally, Moya asked if the Board would be open to starting their meetings at 6:30pm instead of 6:00pm. The Board voted by consensus to start their next two meetings at 6:30pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:26pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the West Hollywood City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.



Karina Samala, Chair



Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary