

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

West Hollywood City Hall
1st Floor - Community Meeting Room
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Dae called the meeting to order at 6:29pm

A. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Chair Dae

“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 Dae

“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 Dae, Board Member Marroquin, Board Member Padilla, Board Member Samala, and Board Member Singleton.

Absent: Board Member Brown, Board Member Paniouchkine, and Board Member Robinson.

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

D. Approval of the September 4, 2024, Meeting Agenda

The Board was requested to approve the September 4, 2024, Meeting Agenda with staff's request to hear item 2.C. before 2.A..

ACTION: Motion to approve the September 4, 2024, Meeting Agenda by Chair Dae, seconded by Board Member Samala, and approved.

E. Approval of the July 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Board was requested to approve the Minutes of the July 3, 2024, meeting.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the July 3, 2024, by Board Member Samala, seconded by Board Member Marroquin, and approved.

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.

Ramesses Setepenre spoke regarding harassment and public safety concerns in West Hollywood.

Joe Green, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, shared two written save the dates:

- October 1st – DAB Health and Wellness event at Plummer Park. Cedar Sinai will be doing health screenings and food will be provided.
- October 23rd – Annual reception, Award Ceremony and televised meeting at Council Chambers at 6pm.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. UPDATE FROM THE JOB FAIR SUBCOMMITTEE

Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, Jennifer Del Toro provided a brief update on the upcoming Job Fair event including timeline, which is expected to align with Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV). Further updates will be provided at a future meeting.

B. PLANNING FOR THE 2024 TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE EVENT

The Board discussed plans for the 2024 TDOR event and a potential partnership with the Minority AIDS Project for the event. The Board agreed on the date of Friday, November 15th as long as the Board is able to participate in selecting the performers, artists, etc.

Board Member Padilla suggested moving forward with the November 15th date.

Board Member Marroquin reminded the Board that the subcommittee also recommended the date of November 20th as an option as well.

Chair Dae reminded the Board that there are various events occurring on November 20th which may affect attendance at the Board's TDOR event if they decide to move forward with the November 20th date.

ACTION: Motion to hold the Transgender Day of Remembrance event in partnership with the Minority Aids Project on Friday, November 15th, with an alternate date of Wednesday, November 20th by Board Member Marroquin, seconded by Board Member Padilla, and approved, noting the no vote by Board Member Samala.

C. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR – *heard before item 2.A.*

Board Member Padilla nominated Board Member Singleton for Vice Chair.

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ACTION: The Board elected Board Member Padilla as the Vice Chair for a term through June 30, 2025.

3. NEW BUSINESS

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Samala informed the Board that Palm Springs Pride is occurring on Sunday, September 15th.

Board Member Padilla shared information about an upcoming beach meet-up on Sunday, September 22nd from 11:00am – 4:00pm at Pier One at Santa Monica Beach.

Board Member Marroquin requested a proclamation for an upcoming Latin Film Festival on Thursday, September 26th which will be highlighting Trans filmmakers from Latin America.

6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Community and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, Jennifer Del Toro, informed Board Member Marroquin of the City's proclamation process and that staff will be following up with her.

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:02pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the West

Hollywood City Hall 1st Floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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Jasmine Duckworth, Recording Secretary