

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 4, 2012**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012  
Emergency Operations Conference Room, City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

- I. CALL TO ORDER –Chair LaChine called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
  - A. Roll Call – Board Members Coco Lachine, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Karla Ferreira, Jaye Johnson, Drian Juarez, Carolyn Weiss, Maria Carmen Hinayon, and Mariana Marroquin. Also in attendance Public Safety Staff David Escobedo, Bonnie Smith and Tatiana Rodzinek.
  - B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on March 27, 2012.
  - C. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Member Samala to approve the agenda. Seconded by Member Johnson to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.
  - D. Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes- Motion by Member Weiss to approve March minutes. Seconded by Member to De La Cruz to approve March. Passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC –

David Cruz: Resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding how proud he is of the city and the board and the work that you do.

Desiree Sol, Public Safety Commission wished staff member Bonnie Smith a happy birthday, and spoke about the passing of Alexis Rivera and her memorial over the weekend. She thanked the LAPD and the Sheriff’s Department for attending the memorial. Commissioner Sol also spoke to Councilmember Heilman concerning the county of Sweden Transgender issues. She spoke concerning the TAB being more visible in the city.

Michelle Dennis, spoke regarding a program with oral and visual history of the transgender community, would like to request a location to house this project if approved and to have the support of the City.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine spoke regarding the passing of Alexis Rivera. Member LaChine spoke regarding the Women’s Leadership Awards. She spoke concerning the Mayor’s Re-organization.

Member Juarez spoke regarding the passing of Alexis Rivera. She also thanked the City for helping the family find a location for the memorial. Member Juarez also requested the board to adjourn in the memory Alexis Rivera.

Member Weiss spoke regarding the loss of Alexis Rivera and the loss to the Transgender community.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF (7:15)**

8A. News from Staff/Calendar of Events.  
Spoke concerning the passing of Alexis Rivera, and what a loss to the community.  
April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> City of West Hollywood Women’s Leadership Conference.  
April 25, 2012 Denim Day, City Hall

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Coffee with the Councilmember D'Amico

8B. Work plan 2012.

Staff will provide a blank work plan for members to work on via email.

**9. NEW BUSINESS (7:17)**

9A Discussion of first quarter results of the WorkSource Center TG Outreach Pilot Project. Member Weiss spoke regarding that the project started in December, 2011. The first quarter results are that 12 clients have been able to use resources from the Hollywood WorkSource Center. Expansion to other WorkSource Centers may also happen soon. The TAB will help as requested and needed. Member Juarez spoke of what a great partnership the program has been.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:25)**

10A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events. Member Lachine spoke regarding Outfest and being a partner. Will share with the board once the films are available. Member Juarez spoke about transgender pride. Maybe June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will look at those dates due to Father's Day.

10B. Subcommittee about Bullying. Moved to 10E.

10C. Day of Remembrance staff and board members viewed site. Member Johnson spoke concerning the West Hollywood Park and Library, and the auto court area. Member Johnson recommended the auto court. Date of the event will be Tuesday, November 20, 2012. March could be the same as the Dyke March. Staff to reserve auto court and auditorium at West Hollywood Park for November 20, 2012. Staff also to book a meeting room at Plummer Park starting in July for meeting on DOR.

10D. Pride Week included in 10A. CSW is inviting the transgender community to march in the parade. CSW still working on the transgender party on Friday night of Pride weekend. June 8, 2012. Staff needs to check on can TAB sponsor a banner and have a spot in the parade. Member LaChine spoke concerning the CSW trans event and giving out awards to the trans community. Member Samala spoke concerning CSW and is looking for ideas for the transgender party. Should the board consider having an Alexis Rivera Legacy award? Motion to be able to present awards and create a subcommittee. Motion by Member Johnson seconded by Member Samala. Motion passed unanimously. Subcommittee formed, Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Hinayon, and Juarez to form the subcommittee.

10E. TAB/LGAB Joint Task Force, Commissioner Sexton spoke for the Lesbian Gay Advisory Board. The LGAB will host a joint meeting June 27, 2012. The subcommittee is now working on agenda. Chair LaChine asked for an agenda as early as possible so TAB can be prepared to present.

10F. Gender Change Laws. Member Weiss spoke regarding research on laws in the United States. Member Weiss spoke regarding information that she had been collecting, and that 40 states require SRS/GRS before birth certificates can be changed. Member Weiss will provide a written report and e-mail it to the Board members.

10G. International Presence: lobby display staff and board still working on this project.

10H. Business Outreach. Member Juarez spoke regarding the West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce being very interested in offering the Transgender Training 101 for the second time to all chamber members.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Desiree Sol, Public Safety Commission spoke regarding having CSW support the transgender community by having a face book page. She spoke regarding maybe having an awards event with the council. She spoke regarding a WEHO cheerleader event at Fairfax High School. She spoke concerning the Day of Pink an Anti-Bullying Day held on April 11, 2012.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Member LaChine spoke regarding signing up to visit other Boards and Commissions.

Member Juarez spoke concerning Miss Universe, and the rule that all participants must be natural born women. The rule has been removed. Would like to release a statement concerning the death of Transgender Activist Agnes Torres Hernandez from Mexico.

Member Ferreira spoke regarding Transgender Activist Agnes Torres Hernandez passing in Mexico.

Member Samala spoke concerning April 20, 2012 the National Day of Silence.

Member De La Cruz spoke regarding Transgender Activist Agnes Torres Hernandez passing in Mexico.

Member Hinayon spoke concerning Ms. Canada and the legal rules of the Miss Universe Pageant.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:36pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 2, 2012 at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard. Motion to adjourn the meeting in the name of Alexis Rivera. Motion by Member Hinayon seconded by Member Weiss. Motion passes.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON