

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD LESBIAN GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR June 27, 2012**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012
West Hollywood Library, Community Room
625 North San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood**

1. CALL TO ORDER –Chair LaChine called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

- A. Roll Call Transgender Advisory Board – Board Members Coco Lachine, Maria Carmen Hinayon, Mariana Marroquin, Carolyn Marie Weiss, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Jaye Johnson, and Drian Juarez. Also in attendance Public Safety Staff, David Escobedo. Absent board members Karla Ferreira .
Roll Call Lesbian Gay Advisory Board – Board Members Ivy Bottini, Andrew Oldershaw, EnriqueReveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, and Ruth Title. Also in attendance Human Services Staff, Jeff Book. Absent board members Matt Palazzo, Amy Ruskin and Shawn Mimbs
- B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on June 20, 2012.
- C. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved as posted.
- D. Adjournment Requests - Elisabeth Sandberg requested that the meeting be adjourned in awareness of the theft of five years of the work of South African photographer Zanele Muholi, by the taking of 20 external hard drives and some digital memory cards that contained her documentation of the lesbian community, as reported in the Los Angeles Times; in memory of Mollie Judith Olgin, 19, who died this week from gunshot wounds from an attack on her and Mary Christine Chapa, 18, in Portland, Texas; and in memory of Hilda Palazzolo, mother of LGAB Co-Chair Matt Palazzolo.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

4. TRANS 101 WORKSHOP

Member Hinayon conducted a workshop on the definitions of sex, gender, identity and sexual orientation. The boards engaged in discussion regarding the internal and external expression of masculinity, femininity and androgyny.

Member Juarez spoke about the concept of becoming an ally to the transgender community which faces significant barriers to accessing services due to discrimination, economic condition, employment, legal status and related causes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. Round Table Discussion on Issues Facing LGBT Community: The boards engaged in a number issues including forced sterilization; the exclusion of transgender as a category in the proposed Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA); immigration; the provision and use of appropriate bathroom facilities; and national-recognized organizations addressing transgender issues; including the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), the Transgender Law Center, and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC).

Michelle Dennis recommended that both boards adopt resolutions calling for the inclusion of transgender in EDNA. She also said that one commonality facing both communities is the arena of public safety, because assailants typically choose victims based on whether they deviate from gender norms as a whole.

5B. New Task Force for Collaborative Goal: Member Bottini said there was a need for more lesbian visibility in the city. Member Bottini there was a need from more transgender visibility in the city. Several possible issues for the new task force were considered including; media campaign, public service announcement, potential legislation and exclusion of local bathroom facilities based on perceived gender.

Members of the task force are from LGAB Member Bottini, Member Oldershaw, and Member Sexton. And from the TAB Member Samala, Member Juarez, Member Johnson, Member De La Cruz

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

6A. Staff reminded those in attendance about parking validation.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Victor Omelczenko spoke about the current and proposed City Budget. He spoke on whether the boards felt the budget provided services that were appropriate and adequate for the communities. He also spoke on whether the existing community events were adequate to represent the community.

Michelle Dennis said she is interested in an oral history regarding the transgender movement and recommended this as a topic for the joint task force.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The joint session of the Transgender Advisory Board and the Lesbian Gay Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20 pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON