



Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board

Outstanding Accomplishments

- The LGAB produced the 2012 Rainbow Key Awards, which were held as a reception and program at a club on Robertson Boulevard. These awards, presented by the City Council, recognize individuals and organizations whose work has been of significant benefit to the lesbian and gay community. As in previous years, the event was very meaningful, reminding participants of how much has been accomplished, and how much remains to be accomplished.
- In 2011-2012, LGAB members continued to serve as liaisons to Commissions and Advisory Boards whose areas of interest intersect with the lesbian and gay community. By reporting back about areas of common interest, the liaisons helped keep the Advisory Board informed about the wide scope of activities the City undertakes.
- Held a joint meeting with the Transgender Advisory Board, including a “Trans 101” educational presentation and discussion of issues affecting both communities. A subcommittee from both boards is working on ways to bring the “Trans 101” education to new and larger groups.
- LGAB recommended and provided support to community events, including a gay and lesbian play-reading festival; the Tom of Finland Erotic Art Fair, and the annual Thanksgiving event held by C.I.T.Y.x1, which includes gay and lesbian youth who in some cases are not welcome at their own family events.
- LGAB supported improving the gateway entrances of the City in a way that highlights the gay and lesbian history of the City, and supported Rainbow Crosswalks on Santa Monica Boulevard, both temporarily during Pride Month, and then permanently.
- LGAB, through its addiction, recovery and sexual health subcommittee, has gathered information from agencies providing social services to the community, in cooperation with city Social Services staff.
- LGAB held discussions regarding lesbian visibility and public space for lesbians in the City, ways to improve marketing and publicity of the City; and inclusion of gender-neutral (family) bathrooms in city public spaces.

Looking Forward

- LGAB plans to present the 2013 Rainbow Key Awards during Pride Month 2013, continuing the City’s commitment to recognizing those who have provided significant service to the community.
- Continue gathering information about social services affecting the LGAB community by surveying members of the community, as a follow-up to this year’s survey of social services providers.
- LGAB plans to continue its work as liaisons to Council offices and to other boards and commissions, to remain aware of how the gay and lesbian community is affected by the many parts of City operations.
- LGAB plans to continue working with the Transgender Advisory Board on topics of mutual interest and concern.
- LGAB will continue advocating for improved gateway entrances to the City that highlight the unique heritage of West Hollywood.