

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – MAY 10, 2007**  
**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Chris Clarkin at 7:09 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Chris Clarkin, Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Ruth Tittle, and Jeff Yarbrough. A quorum was present. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

B. POSTING OF AGENDA

Staff reported that the agenda had been posted at City Hall and other locations as required.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

D. MINUTES

Minutes were deferred.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Richard Settle discussed plans for his 15th annual AIDS remembrance event, to be held on Memorial Day, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon, in William S. Hart Park.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RAINBOW KEY LUNCHEON

Dan Berkowitz reported on preparations for the Rainbow Key luncheon on June 13. Invitation lists and information about past recipients are being finalized, and the speakers and order of business being determined. Chris Clarkin thanked Dan for his work on this event.

B. PRIDE PARADE

Jimmy Palmieri discussed condom distribution at the Pride event. Alton Carswell of the Center's WeHo Life program discussed their current and future plans for this, including distribution to bars and clubs, and by volunteers at their table or booth.

Ivy Bottini moved to recommend to WeHo Life that they consider additional distribution points, and also distribute dental dams and information on the safe and effective use of condoms and dental dams, and to recommend to CSW that they send a representative to the WeHo Life providers meeting. This was seconded by Jimmy Palmieri and approved.

Jimmy Palmieri moved to request an explanation of the gift rule, by which the City had determined that board members could not accept free tickets to the CSW event. This was seconded by Dan Berkowitz and approved.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. JOINT MEETING WITH RUSSIAN ADVISORY BOARD

A joint meeting with the Russian Advisory Board is planned for 6:00 p.m. on June 19 at Plummer Park Community Center. On the recommendation of the planning subcommittee, it was moved, seconded, and approved for LGAB to hold its June meeting at that time and place, in conjunction with RAB, and in lieu of its regular meeting date of June 14.

B. ENDA FORUM

Scott Mann moved to join the Mayor's office in supporting a public forum on the reintroduction of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). This was seconded by Ruth Tittle and approved.

C. HETEROSEXUAL AND LGBT COMMUNITIES / METH FORUM

Ivy Bottini discussed bringing the heterosexual and LGBT communities together in the fight against crystal meth, and how to achieve diverse attendance at public meetings on this subject.

A subcommittee consisting of Ivy Bottini, Jimmy Palmieri, and Sue Sexton was formed to meet with Mayor Duran's office and Social Services staff, to discuss the best ways of accomplishing this.

V. RAINBOW KEY

A Rainbow Key award to Ritz Gonzales was moved by Sue Sexton, seconded by Jimmy Palmieri, and approved.

A Rainbow Key award to Simone Wallace was moved by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, and approved. Simone Wallace was involved with Sisterhood Bookstore on Westwood Blvd., and is the mother of Emily Gold, State Sen. Sheila Kuehl's district director.

A Rainbow Key award to Charlie Matula and Hunter Fox of The Eagle in Silver Lake was moved by Jimmy Palmieri, seconded by Jeff Yarbrough, and approved.

## VI. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Elisabeth Sandberg, Scott Mann, Jeff Yarbrough, and Sue Sexton spoke about maintaining contact with, respectively, the Council offices of John Heilman, John Duran, Jeffrey Prang, and Abbe Land.

Ruth Tittle spoke about the recent meeting of the Human Services Commission.

Jimmy Palmieri spoke about working with the chair and staff liaison of the Disability Advisory Board on accessibility issues, including incentives to building owners to improve access in pre-1979 facilities. He also discussed the LGBTQ youth roundtable to be held in June.

Dan Berkowitz thanked Scott Mann for his assistance with inviting Chad Allen to the Rainbow Key luncheon.

Chris Clarkin reported on the most recent chairs meeting, which discussed bicycles on sidewalks, safety issues, and other matters.

Ivy Bottini spoke about the safety issue posed to the blind by silent cars.

## VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dan Berkowitz spoke about a pending police issue.

Jimmy Palmieri spoke about Reprieve, a meth treatment, and about the upcoming premiere of "Tweakers," and various opportunities for seeing it.

Sue Sexton spoke about the Lesbian Visibility Committee.

Elisabeth Sandberg will attend the second annual Armenian LGBT conference at Plummer Park. Also, three from the Lesbian Visibility Committee are going to a summit on women's health.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2007, in Rooms 5 and 6 of the Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.