

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – APRIL 12, 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 7:15 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Chris Clarkin, Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, and Ruth Tittle. 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, with the addition of a report from the Lesbian Visibility Committee, which was made Item 3A, with other items renumbered accordingly.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from December 2006 to date were approved.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN VISIBILITY COMMITTEE

Kris Muñoz and Anne Marie Williams reported on behalf of the Lesbian Visibility Committee, noting that Melissa Etheridge has agreed to accept an award from the city, and is filming a public service announcement with the mayor. Me'shell

Ndegeocello has confirmed a performance. The committee is also working on lesbian health issues, a website, and Myspace visibility for the Dyke March.

B. RAINBOW KEY LUNCHEON

Dan Berkowitz reported on preparations for the Rainbow Key luncheon, which will be held June 13 at the Hyatt rooftop on Sunset Boulevard. The roster of 2007 honorees, including Chad Allen, Ivy Bottini (lifetime), Durk Dehner, John Duran, Linda Garnets, Sal Guarriello, John Heilman, Michaeljohn Horne, the Lesbian Visibility Committee, Yolanda Retter, Steve Schulte, Rodney Scott, Robin Tyler, Dottie Wine, and Tom of Finland (posthumous) was moved by Ruth Tittle, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, and approved.

C. PRIDE PARADE

Advisory board members were reminded of the CSW parade scheduled for Sunday, June 10.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOSCOW PRIDE

Chris Clarkin discussed sending a greeting letter to the mayor of Moscow and to Moscow Pride organizers. This contact was moved by Scott Mann, seconded by Ruth Tittle, and approved.

V. RAINBOW KEY

Covered earlier in the meeting.

VI. COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS

Jimmy Palmieri spoke about the youth subcommittee and gave updates from providers, including the Trevor Project, GLASS, and LifeWorks.

Nadia Sutton spoke about the Women in Leadership program.

Ruth Tittle reported on the ribbon-cutting for GLEH (Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing).

Sue Sexton reported in contacts with Councilmember Abbe Land's office.

Scott Mann discussed the crystal meth forum.

How to make the use of crystal meth socially unacceptable was discussed, and requested to appear on a future agenda. A provider with expertise in the subject, such as Kathy

Watt of Van Ness Recovery House, could be invited to speak.

Dan Berkowitz spoke about the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission meeting, and asked to be replaced as the Public Safety Commission liaison.

Elisabeth Sandberg spoke about contacts with Councilmember Heilman's office.

There was no chairs meeting this month.

Chris Clarkin spoke about the Transgender Task Force and the upcoming March Against Hate.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Scott Mann introduced Woody, a 9-weeks-old black labrador who is beginning a year's training under Guide Dogs of America.

Nadia Suttón said June 2 is Dog Fest for PAWS LA, at the Autry Museum.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reported that \$20,000 has been requested for LGAB in the 2007-08 budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2007, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.