

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2006
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL AND INSTALLATION

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-chair Ivy Bottini at 7:10 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2006, in the Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Chris Clarkin, Bill Gordon, Marian Jones, Scott Mann, Jimmy Palmieri, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, Ruth Tittle, and Jeff Yarbrough. A quorum was present at all times. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was also present.

B. POSTING OF AGENDA

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Advisory Board added the following items to the agenda on an urgency basis, finding that the need for action had arisen since the preparation of the agenda: V. C. Tweakers program. D. Upcoming recognition of Ivy Bottini's birthday.

The agenda was approved as amended.

D. MINUTES

The minutes of the January 12, 2006, and February 9, 2006, meetings were held for consideration at a later meeting.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. RAINBOW KEY NOMINATIONS

Ivy Bottini nominated Linda Garnett, an instructor at UCLA, for a Rainbow Key, in recognition of the lesbian sexuality class she teaches. This was seconded by Ruth Tittle, and approved.

The previously approved Rainbow Key for Demetri Moshoyannis is being prepared, and will be sent to him in San Francisco.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

1. LEGISLATIVE

The committee noted the outcome of the recent Academy Awards.

2. LESBIAN VISIBILITY

The committee has met twice since the last meeting. Current items include co-sponsoring a salon featuring Suzanne Braun Levin; working with the June Mazer Collection; the June 9 Dyke March; and a health-related forum.

3. LGBT YOUTH

Jimmy Palmieri noted an upcoming event at The Abbey and discussed recent events held by C.I.T.Y. x1.

4. RAPID RESPONSE ISSUES TEAM

This report was deferred.

5. LESBIAN AND GAY HEALTH ISSUES

Ruth Tittle said she has been very busy dealing with Medicare Part D issues, including “dual eligible” persons who deal with MediCal and Medicare Part D. There is a women’s HIV/AIDS awareness meeting tomorrow.

6. CHAIRS MEETING

Jeff Yarbrough said that topics at the chairs meeting included the city’s Halloween event, moving the Russian cultural festival to West Hollywood Park, and Women’s History Month.

7. CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST

Rodney Scott said this year's event is June 9-11, and introduced the 2006 theme of "Our Agenda: Love, Equality, Pride." He noted that CSW is sending Gov. Schwarzenegger's communication back to him. Among this year's honorees are Lorri Jean, Phill Wilson, and Geoff Kors.

8. HALLOWEEN CARNAVAL

Jeff Yarbrough and Bill Gordon met with members of other boards regarding Halloween, including concerns about safety, possible end to the current arrangement with ClearChannel, reducing the stages from 5 to 2, and other amendments. The board discussed various alternatives.

B. LGBT DANCE FESTIVAL

Chuck Stewart presented plans for the July 15, 2006, LGBT Dance Festival, presented by Stop Hate, Educate! The Board voted to co-sponsor the event, on a motion by Chris Clarkin, seconded by Marian Jones. A letter regarding the program's beneficial potential will be sent to Chuck Stewart.

C. MEDICINAL MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

This item was carried over for later discussion.

D. "BLUEBONNET COURT"

Elissa Barrett discussed the upcoming production, which is to begin rehearsals in April for a July opening. Copies were distributed for the Board's review.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE

Greg Lupton requested LGAB and/or City co-sponsorship for an upcoming gathering of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence which will include HIV-related health discussions. The Board voted to co-sponsor the event, on a motion by Chris Clarkin, seconded by Bill Gordon. Social Services staff will review the proposal for further support.

B. LGBTQ YOUTH ROUNDTABLE

The Board approved action on the first and second items in the recent Council action regarding a subcommittee to meet with social service and outreach providers who serve the LGBTQ youth community, and report back to Council within 90 days.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Elisabeth Sandberg spoke about Women's History Month and a presentation on sexuality and homophobia that she is making March 15 at the College of the Canyons.

Dan Berkowitz is moderating a panel at Pacific Resident Theatre.

Jimmy Palmieri welcomes Gloria Allred and John Heilman to upcoming editions of his TV program.

Ruth Tittle spoke about the ceremony presenting the Rainbow Key to Lovedy Brydon.

Ivy Bottini noted she will be in New York during this year's CSW event, because she is having an art show opening June 3, and will be grand marshal of Brooklyn Pride.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next regular meeting is at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2006, in the Community Conference Room.