

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2, 2013**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, January 2, 2013
EOC City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

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

- A. Roll Call – Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Coco Lachine, Carolyn Weiss, Mariana Marroquin, and E. Jaye Johnson
Board Members absent: Karla Ferreira, Karina Samala, Maria Carmen Hinayon, and Erika De La Cruz
Also in attendance: David Escobedo and Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Division
- B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on November 27, 2012.
- C. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Member LaChine to approve agenda. Seconded by Member Weiss. Motion approved
- D. Approval of Minutes - Motion by Member Weiss to approve minutes. Seconded by Member Marroquin. Approved with amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruth Cyslowski, Chair of the Human Services Commission, spoke regarding the 2012 Community Study. The survey will be used to help decide how much and which organization will be awarded funds from the Social Services Division in the next fiscal year. Surveys are available in English, Spanish, and Russian.

Daphne Dennis, Manager of Social Services, spoke regarding how the 2012 Community Study will be distributed to residents. One in every four households will receive the survey.

Lt. Dave Smith, West Hollywood Sheriff Station, asked if there were any questions or concerns from the Transgender Advisory Board. Member Weiss asked if there were any updates from the incident that happened in Plummer Park last year. This investigation is ongoing at this time. Lt. Smith spoke about the additional patrols that are taking place in the City including Plummer Park. Member Lachine spoke concerning an article she had seen about incidents directed towards the LGBT community. Lt. Smith commented on the investigation the sheriff's department had conducted regarding the article. Lt. Smith commented on using the new transgender pamphlet that had been provided by the Social Services Division. Member Weiss spoke about a ride along that she had participated in last year. Lt. Smith also spoke regarding a Citizen's Academy that is going to be hosted in March. Member Marroquin thanked Lt. Smith for stopping by.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Marroquin spoke about the New Year and conveyed a positive message of hope in accomplishing many good things in the New Year.

Member Juarez spoke regarding the New Year and the progress the board will make.

Member Weiss spoke regarding attending the Human Services Commission meeting to introduce herself and to let the Commission know what the Transgender Advisory Board is all about.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

8B. News from Staff/Calendar of Events: Staff spoke about the Community Survey that is being conducted by the Social Services Division. Staff spoke about the clothing drive scheduled for January 2013 by the Gay and Lesbian Center. Members can call David with any questions. Staff spoke about the 2013 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count being held on Jan 31, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events: None.

10B. Transgender News: Member Weiss spoke regarding Fernanda Milán of Guatemala being granted asylum in the United States. Member Johnson announced that the City of New York has the first male transgender candidate Mel Wymore running for City Council.

10C. Day of Remembrance: Member Weiss asked that the mayor come and give out proclamations to only the performers. Member Lachine asked if there were any photos or video that could be provided for history.

10D. Video History: Member Johnson is working with community member Michelle Dennis on the project. They hope to finalize interviews with the first 3 people by the end of January 2013. It is their hope to begin filming in the first 2 weeks of February.

10E. TAB/LGBT Subcommittee: Tabled.

10F. Business Outreach: Member Weiss attended a mixer with the Gay and Lesbian chamber of commerce to promote the Transgender Advisory Board.

10G. Awards: Tabled.

10H. Use of Rooms for Production: Tabled.

10I. Global Resolution: Tabled.

10J. Trans-Awareness Month: Staff responsible for the upcoming events called One City/One Pride commented that the TAB board needs to decide how they want to be involved in One City/One Pride. A motion was made to sponsor the documentary Bamby's Story and present this documentary on June 1, 2012. A motion was made by Member Lachine to sponsor the documentary of Bamby's Story for One City/One Pride. Motion was seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passed. The board asked staff to make sure that TAB is involved in the planning process.

10K. CBS/CSI: Member Weiss spoke of her concerns with the CSI series and their continued negative portrayal of Transgender individuals. Member Weiss shared numerous accounts from the show as an example. Member Lachine suggested this information be shared with the City Council. Member Lachine also suggested reaching out to GLADD to partner with GLADD on issues involving Transgender individuals. Member Weiss stated some of her information came from a GLADD article. A motion was made by Member Weiss to request that the West Hollywood City Council convey in a letter to CBS, and to Mr. Jerry Bruckheimer, the producer of the CSI shows, its disapproval of such one sided and demeaning representation of the Transgender community. The motion further asks the Council to request that the Producer and writers work with TAB when considering future Transgender characters so that a more balanced and accurate portrayal of Transgender persons may be presented to the American public. The motion was seconded by Member Lachine. Member Johnson voted no on the motion. Motion was passed.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:07 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at West Hollywood City Hall, in the EOC.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 6th of FEBRUARY.



CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON