

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2012**

**7 p.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2012  
Emergency Operations Conference Room, City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood**

- I. CALL TO ORDER –Chair LaChine called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.
- A. Roll Call – Board Members Coco Lachine, Karina Samala, Erika De La Cruz, Carolyn Weiss, Maria Carmen Hinayon, Mariana Marroquin, and Karla Ferreira . Also in attendance Public Safety Staff, David Escobedo. Absent were board members E. Jay Johnson and Drian Juarez.
  - B. Report on Posting of Agenda – Staff stated that the agenda was posted on August 29, 2012.
  - C. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with changes; Items 10C and 10D moved to the front of Unfinished Business. Passed unanimously.
  - D. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes- Motion by Member LaChine to approve minutes. Seconded by Member Samala. Passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member LaChine spoke on a report from GLAAD about the portrayal of the LGBT community on TV.

Member Hinayon spoke about the Williams Institute and their interest in extending their connection and experience with the transgender community.

Member Samala spoke on the Head over Heels event which will raise money for Transgender Healthcare.

Member Marroquin spoke about her first meeting as vice chair. Member Marroquin spoke about a companion's experience in being transgender. She also spoke on the international challenges when countries don't identify people of transgender status and how that puts their life at risk.

ITEMS FROM STAFF (7:15)

8A. News from Staff/Calendar of Events  
Staff spoke on special events occurring in West Hollywood during the month of September.

Staff also spoke on the new policy regarding absences

NEW BUSINESS (7:17)

9A. Declaring November Transgender Awareness Month:  
Members discussed making November "Transgender Awareness Month." Member LaChine made a motion to declare November Transgender Awareness Month. Seconded by Member Ferreira. Motion passed unanimously.

9B. Delegate for Public Safety Commission:

Member LaChine offered to act as the liaison between the Transgender Advisory Board and the Public Safety Commission.

9C. Room Use for Bamby Salcedo Latin Talent Night:

Member Weiss passed a motion to approve room use of Plummer Park for Bamby Salcedo's Latin Talent Night. Seconded by Member LaChine. Passed unanimously.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:25)

10C. Video history:

Community Member Michelle Dennis updated us as to the projected parameters of the project. She discussed needs from the community, speakers and input about the project. Community Member Michelle Dennis conveyed that the project is still new and she entertained questions from the TAB.

Member Ferreira asked if the information can be translated in Spanish.

Community Member Michelle Dennis affirmed that not only will Spanish-only speakers be accommodated but also people with special needs.

Member Weiss asked for a greater definition of what will be included or even excluded in the project.

Community Member Michelle Dennis identified that the first season will be dependent on the community recommending members and then those members who self-identify. She stated that the project will convey a realistic experience of being transgender including some of the more gritty sides.

Community Member Michelle Dennis said that a link to resources will be included in the project.

Staff asked Community Member Michelle Dennis to clarify the length of project and a possible completion date. Community Member Michelle Dennis said was unsure as to the length of the project. Community Member Michelle Dennis said that a possible date for completion of the interviews will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Her hopes will be for a completion of the three episodes by January 1<sup>st</sup> with a possible showing in January.

10D. TAB/LGAB Subcommittee: Update from Andrew Oldershaw

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Advisory Board (LGAB) Member Oldershaw spoke on the joint Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board task force. He spoke on possible campaign ideas to increase awareness of transgender issues. Member Oldershaw spoke about the Mickey's incident and how the task force prefers to research and have an appropriate reaction. He also updated that Isabella from TLC will join the subcommittee to provide insight on law and litigation.

Member Hinayon spoke on approval of subcommittee projects and timeline.

Staff reminded that advisory boards cannot create a task force only council has that ability. Staff reminded everyone that subcommittees have a shelf life or deadline. Staff also reminded everyone that projects adopted by the subcommittee should not duplicate the purpose of the Transgender Advisory Board.

Member LaChine expressed procedural concerns over the generation of the subcommittee.

Member Oldershaw spoke on redefining the group as a subcommittee. He spoke on having a universal case of autonomy from the LGAB. Member Oldershaw requested same sense of autonomy from TAB.

Member Samala commended Member Oldershaw for standing with the TAB. Member Samala asked why the TAB is shunning the subcommittee.

Member LaChine clarified that there is no sense of shunning, and reaffirmed that it is procedural.

Member Hinayon also clarified that there is no sense of shunning. She also claimed that she wanted to be a part of the project and apologized if any negative interaction occurred. Member Hinayon asked if a list of projects could be presented at the next TAB meeting.

Member Oldershaw offered to put together bullet points. Shared meeting minutes as well. Member Oldershaw also spoke on focusing on two to three items action items.

Member LaChine clarified that the point is not meant to micro-manage the LGAB/TAB subcommittee only to be aware of the projects that they are working on.

Chair Marroquin thanked and acknowledged the efforts of Member Oldershaw and the LGAB/TAB subcommittee.

10A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events:

Member Hinayon spoke about ideas for Transgender Awareness Month.

Chair Marroquin spoke on doing a free screening of "Wildness" November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Member De La Cruz spoke about Miss Bienestar 2012, being present on September 24 at Arena from 8PM to midnight.

Member Weiss spoke about the Annual Fundraiser of Gender Justice L.A. September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

10B. Transgender News:

None.

10E. International Presence: lobby display

Staff clarified that a good number of pictures were received and that this item may be moved off the agenda and can act as a portion of DOR.

10F. Business Outreach:

Member Weiss spoke about her experience at the Chamber Mixer. She felt the response was positive and that she raised awareness amongst the business community.

Chair Marroquin thanked Member Weiss for her efforts and success.

Member LaChine offered to attend as well. She also asked that Member Weiss act as an official delegate of the TAB. Member LaChine made a motion to have Member Weiss serve in an official capacity as Liaison to the Business Community. Seconded by Member De La Cruz seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member Ferreira spoke about the need for a workshop on "how to invest your money."

Member LaChine suggested that the workshop on "how to invest your money" be part of the Transgender Awareness Month and may also be inclusive of financial planning and law.

10G. Awards:

No update.

10H. Day of Remembrance:

Chair Marroquin spoke about a theme for the event.

Member LaChine spoke on her concerns for a theme, and how it could slow the process of publicity.

Members spoke on the postcard, program and the themes. The theme "Healing with Hope" was approved.

Member Hinayon submitted a motion to approve the program. Seconded by Member Weiss. Approved unanimously.

Member LaChine asked for clarification on the location.

Members cut the DOR discussion due to time.

#### ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Paul Baker spoke on a film he is producing regarding a Transgender. He wanted to introduce himself and his project.

Council Deputy Rex spoke on Transgender Awareness Month. She spoke in support of a Transgender Awareness Month council item. She also encouraged coming up with a program for the month and gave suggestions for events.

#### ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Member LaChine expressed good feelings about the Democratic National Convention and how they spoke on marriage equality not only in their platform but also in the speeches. Member LaChine spoke on keeping Transgender Awareness Month manageable.

Member De La Cruz thanked Member Oldershaw for his participation. She acknowledged his love for the transgender community. Member De La Cruz brought forth to the TAB details regarding a murder of a transgender person in Mexico.

Member Hinayon spoke about her concerns with the film. She identified the tagline "she is a he" may put out a misconception.

Member Weiss spoke on the DNC and how the state delegate Barbara Casbar may be the first state Trans delegate. Member Weiss also stated that the Department of Health and Human Services identified that the new Affordable Healthcare act to have boundaries that bar discrimination. This is a big victory in enabling the transgender community to get affordable healthcare.

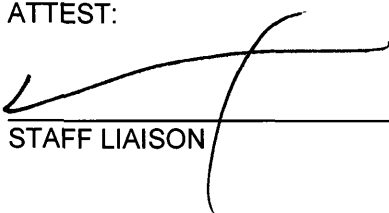
#### ADJOURNMENT

The Advisory Board adjourned at 8:47 pm. The next meeting is a scheduled joint meeting to be held on Wednesday October 3, 2012 at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER BOARD ON THIS 5th OF SEPTEMBER.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
STAFF LIAISON