

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2014**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, 2014
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Samala called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Tatiana Rodzinek

ROLL CALL – Board Members present: Carolyn Weiss, Jaye Johnson, Mariana Marroquin, Karina Samala, Coco Lachine, Maria Carmen Hinayon*, and Maria Roman. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor and David Escobedo, Administrative Assistant, Public Safety Department. Absent Drian Juarez and Erika De La Cruz.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion to approve by Member Lachine. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve by Member Weiss. Seconded by Member Roman. Motion approved. Members Johnson and Lachine abstained.

ELECTION

Jaye Johnson was nominated and elected to the position of Chair of the Transgender Advisory Board. Mariana Marroquin and Coco Lachine were nominated for Vice-Chair. Coco Lachine was voted in as Vice-Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

*Member Maria Carmen Hinayon arrived at 7:14 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Roman congratulated new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Member Weiss congratulated new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Member Samala thanked everyone for the support and trust they placed in her to lead the TAB this past year.

Member Marroquin congratulated new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Member Hinayon congratulated new Chair and Vice-Chair.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

No items from staff.

NEW BUSINESS

10A. Transgender/Drag Community Joint Event

Members passed a motion that this item be tabled to the December agenda and that the event be scheduled for the beginning of next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11A. Staff introduced topics for discussion regarding upcoming plans for Trans Awareness month/DOR

Members discussed the three nominations that have been submitted thus far for award consideration. There is still time to submit any new nominees for consideration, with a deadline for any further entries to be the next TAB meeting on August 6, 2014.

Members suggested names for performers for DOR, including Shane Nash, Angel Bonilla.

Member Roman excused herself from the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Members discussed outreach to various entities for donations of water, soft drinks and coffee.

Members discussed the issue of raising the flags for DOR due to the fact that there was no longer a flag pole in the back parking lot of City Hall. It was suggested that the flags be raised at the triangle and at the Library. With parking being an issue, it was also brought up that a new location for the press conference might be in order.

Members discussed the design of the postcard and expressed a desire to have the day of the week added to the postcard.

Members discussed outreach measures to solicit new ideas and/or to host a more open community forum to include more of the community in planning the Trans Awareness month/DOR. It was decided that staff could draft an appeal to the community for ideas/volunteers, and then the Board could disseminate this to their contacts. Also, staff could send this "invite" out to those who attended last year's event.

Member Lachine suggested that the guest speaker include State Assembly Member Tony Adkins. Member Lachine would contact Councilmember Land's office to initiate contact with the Assembly Member.

Member Marroquin suggested Alexandra Billings as a possibility for guest speaker. She will look into the possibility of booking her.

Other suggestions were Alejandra Bogue, an actress in Mexico, Judge Phyllis Frye, Judge Victoria Kolakowski, and also to include transgendered seniors and couples.

Members also suggested that this year's event celebrate more the living and not just their deaths. The slogan could be #translivesmatter or #celebration of life.

Member Hinayon volunteered to coordinate the reading of the names. Member Marroquin Volunteered to coordinate the set-up of flowers/food. Member Samala volunteered for stage Management. The Chair would be responsible for media relations/interviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEMS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Lachine wanted to publicly thank the City Council for the recent ordinance passed directing staff to develop guidelines for gender neutral bathroom use. She expressed thanks for their visionary leadership with regard to transgender issues.

Member Marroquin stated that it was so nice to see community members attend their meetings and how rewarding it is to be involved with a City engaged in active and effective community outreach.

Member Lachine suggested that the Board use the existing mailing list of participants from previous events to send out highlights of the accomplishments of the Board.

REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Transgender Community and Drag Community Forum
Trans Awareness month/DOR discussion.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to their next meeting on August 6, 2014, at the West Hollywood Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, in Rooms 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 2nd DAY OF JULY.


CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON