

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 2014**  
**LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

A. **ROLL CALL**

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Enrique Reveles at 7 pm, Thursday, October 9, 2014, in the Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottini, Paul Chavez, Robert Gamboa, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Ruth Tittle, Jeffrey Waack, and Laura Wise.

Not Present: Amy Ruskin.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, and Jeff Book, staff liaison.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Laura Wise.

C. **REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Staff reported the agenda had been posted as required.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

E. **MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

The minutes of the September 11, 2014, meeting were approved on a motion by Jeffrey Waack, seconded by Matt Palazzolo.

F. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

There was a request to adjourn in celebration of the U.S. Supreme Court declining to review certain equal marriage cases, which has the effect of permitting same-sex marriage to continue in those states.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lee Walkup, liaison from Senior Advisory Board, spoke about the recent Congress of Boards and Commissions and the opportunity to recall people who participated in the City at its founding and in following years. He also spoke about National Coming Out Day, AIDS Walk, Cleve Jones's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party, the Disabilities Advisory Board's health and wellness campaign, and registering to vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ONE CITY ONE PRIDE REVIEW PANEL

The Advisory Board discussed the request to name two members to participate in the review panel that will recommend arts grants for the 2015 One City One Pride festival. The Advisory Board designated Elisabeth Sandberg and Jeffrey Waack as representatives, with Enrique Reveles as alternate.

IV. STUDY SESSION

Elizabeth Savage facilitated a discussion of ideas and suggestions for the Advisory Board's 2014-2015 workplan. The Advisory Board reviewed actions and accomplishments of the 2013-2014 year, including the 2014 Rainbow Key Awards; the decoration of two utility boxes; the public forum on Christopher Street West; the joint event with the Transgender Advisory Board; and the joint project with the Russian Advisory Board as well as the Transgender Advisory Board.

Possible workplan items included:

- Digital Project – moving forward on the video project that was considered this year
- ARSH 2 (Addiction, Recovery and Sexual Health) – a new effort regarding these topics
- Lesbian Space – identifying and assisting with providing lesbian space in the City
- Outreach – continuing interaction with the community through activities and events
- History Presentation – Reviewing the history of the Gay and Lesbian movement for the benefit of new members
- Community Partnerships – to enable the Advisory Board to cooperate with groups to bring attention and action to important issues
- Rainbow Key – organizing and conducting this year's awards process and event
- Rainbow Key – consideration of having separate recognition for upcoming activists and lifetime/career awards
- Aging in Place – working with Senior Advisory Board on a citywide town hall
- Substance Abuse – improving visibility in the community
- Arts-Oriented Social Night – providing a non-alcohol/drug social opportunity through arts, chess, or other activities, which could become an ongoing monthly event
- Queer Festival in Silver Lake
- West Hollywood Book Fair/WeHo Reads – participate in literary events
- CSW/LA Pride – Alcohol and Drug-Free Zone
- Funding – Improved funding for lesbian and gay programs
- PREP Town Hall Forum – in cooperation with Transgender Advisory Board and Council offices
- Review the Advisory Board's budget priorities
- Domestic Violence in the Gay Community – working with Public Safety and other agencies to consider ways to communicate importance of the issue
- Improved Web Presence – within City guidelines
- Traveling Group of Activists – to talk about issues and history
- Werle Building Project – to accelerate completion of an elevator
- Utility Box Project – to add 2 or 3 new locations to the 2 already completed
- Urgency Items – to include space in meetings for responses to then-current issues

Elizabeth Savage said staff will assemble the topics into a working paper for the Advisory Board to use in establishing priorities among these goals. Enrique Reveles noted that the priorities will remain flexible during the year, and can be amended when appropriate.

Robert Gamboa said perhaps the topics that the Addiction, Recovery and Sexual Health committee intended to discuss could be taken up individually at Advisory Board meetings instead.

Elizabeth Savage discussed the City's work on Aging in Place, a project that addresses improving infrastructure as well as quality of life for older residents.


V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts spoke about the health and wellness event planned for Oct. 21 by the Disabilities Advisory Board in cooperation with the City of West Hollywood and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm in celebration of the U.S. Supreme Court choosing not to review certain equal marriage cases, with the effect of permitting same-sex marriages to continue in some states.

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Enrique Reveles, Co-Chair

  
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Laura J. Wise, Co-Chair