

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2015**  
**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 7:10 pm, Thursday, January 8, 2015, in the Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Present: Beth Bishop, Ivy Bottini, Robert Gamboa, Matt Palazzolo,  
Enrique Reveles, Ruth Tittle, Jeffrey Waack.

Not Present: Paul Chavez, Elisabeth Sandberg, Laura Wise.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present was Jeff Book, staff liaison. Councilmember John Duran and staff members Chris Worland and Michael Che were also present.

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

C. **REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Staff reported the agenda had been posted as required.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ruth Tittle, seconded by Matt Palazzolo.

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

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

F. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Enrique Reveles requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Leelah Alcorn, a transgender Ohio teen. Robert Gamboa requested that the meeting be adjourned in celebration of marriage equality being declared for Florida.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilmember John Duran spoke about the potential, in the near future, of having a year in which there are zero deaths from HIV/AIDS in West Hollywood. He said 10,000 people have died from this in the West Hollywood-related zip codes, and that medical treatment and prophylaxis have improved to the point that zero deaths is a goal within

sight. He and Mayor John D'Amico are considering how to pursue this goal, and said the Advisory Board could place a discussion on an upcoming agenda, to strategize about who needs to be involved in accomplishing this.

Michael Che spoke about the Winter Sounds concerts, which begin this week with a performance by double bass player Jennifer Leitham, whose career as a transgender musician is featured in the documentary "I Stand Corrected" (2012).

### III. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES

Ruth Tittle said the Addiction, Recovery, and Sexual Health (ARSH) committee, formed at the last meeting, should meet soon to discuss Councilmember Duran's idea. Matt Palazzolo noted that the consortium of HIV prevention service providers will meet on January 21.

Enrique Reveles presented comments from Elisabeth Sandberg, who was unable to be present, that she met with Helen Collins and Steve Campbell of the City's Facilities staff, and she was encouraged by the City plans to renovate the Werle Building with a second-floor deck/patio area facing east toward the park. Ivy Bottini said she'd like to see development of the roof area that has been used for some events by the Mazer Archives, but would prefer moving ahead with the current plans, instead of seeking changes that would cause further delay.

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. WORKPLAN ITEMS

Staff provided copies of the Human Services Commission agenda packet, and information on where to access the packet online. Staff said LGAB members were encouraged to attend: (1) the Human Services Commission meeting on January 13, which will include the year-end report from social services agencies, and (2) the consortium meeting of social services providers, on January 21.

Members of the Addiction, Recovery and Sexual Health committee said they wanted to meet directly with Social Services staff, and thought that this was going to happen at this meeting, if not before.

Beth Bishop said she would try to attend Human Services Commission meetings in addition to Robert Gamboa and Ruth Tittle. Jeffrey Waack said he will seek to attend Public Facilities Commission meetings.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. AGING IN PLACE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

City staff member Chris Worland described the strategic planning process for an Aging in Place policy, which includes a steering committee working with a consultant who will propose a strategic plan after consulting with experts and meeting with key people and small groups, leading to a study session of the Human Services Commission on April 25 on May 2, with delegates from the City's other boards and commissions.

Ivy Bottini said the process placed too much emphasis on staff and consultant input and not enough emphasis on seeking the views of seniors, to learn what their problems with aging are, and what the City could do to address them.

The Advisory Board approved continuing this discussion on their February agenda, if time permits following consideration of Rainbow Key nominations.

**B. DELEGATE TO AGING IN PLACE STUDY SESSION**

Ruth Tittle moved to designate Ivy Bottini as delegate from LGAB to the Human Services Commission study session on Aging in Place. This was seconded by Robert Gamboa and approved.

Enrique Reveles moved to designate Robert Gamboa as alternate to the same meeting. This was seconded by Matt Palazzolo and approved.

**VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD**

Robert Gamboa thanked those who supported #BOOM!, the alcohol- and drug-free New Year's Eve event, held Dec. 31, 2014, at West Hollywood Park Auditorium. He said about 600 people attended, and there was positive feedback from participants. He said a similar event for Dec. 31, 2015, is anticipated in the City budget, and he will also be working on #SIZZLE, the alcohol- and drug-free event at LA PRIDE.

Ivy Bottini said it would be great if the City provided monthly social events that were alcohol- and drug-free.

Ruth Tittle spoke about One Billion Rising, to be held Feb. 13 at the Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial.

Ivy Bottini encouraged people to see "The Imitation Game," about Alan Turing.

**A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Matt Palazzolo suggested adding the topic of reaching a level of no HIV/AIDS deaths to LGAB's March agenda. There was no objection.

**VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff said the City issued a press release seeking nominations for the 2015 Rainbow Key Awards, and will be reiterating the call later this month. Nominations are requested by Feb. 2, for consideration by the Advisory Board on Feb. 10.

Staff noted the availability of voter registration forms on the sign-in table, in accordance with City policy to encourage registration.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm in memory of Leelah Alcorn, and in celebration of marriage equality being declared for Florida.

*Signed,*

  
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Enrique Reveles, Co-Chair