

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2015**  
**LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

A. **ROLL CALL**

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order at 7:21 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2015, in the Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottin, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Laura Wise,  
Paul Chavez, Matt Palazzolo, Ruth Tittle.

Not Present: Beth Bishop, Robert Gamboa, Jeffrey Waack

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

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 Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Ivy Bottini.

E. **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

The minutes of the February 12, 2015, meeting were approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, seconded by Enrique Reveles, with Ruth Tittle and Matt Palazzolo abstaining.

F. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Ivy Bottini asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Malcolm Boyd, an American Episcopal priest and author active in the civil rights movement as one of the Freedom Riders in 1961.

Ruth Tittle asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dirk Shafer, an American model, actor, screenwriter and director.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Walkup, liaison from Senior Advisory Board, spoke about the upcoming City Council meeting; the special election in June; the Senior Advisory Board's "I'll Be Me" co-sponsorship event; the March 27 "When Bette Met Mae" film screening; the April 13-14 Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation Conference; the March 28-29 Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles' Annual Performance; and the 2017 grand opening of the new luxury hotel at Sunset Blvd./Doheny Dr.

## III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. AGING IN PLACE STRATEGIC PLANNING

Elizabeth Savage, Director, Human Services and Rent Stabilization, discussed the City's Aging in Place Strategic Planning and issues/areas that the Board would like to have further information about or more involvement on.

Boardmembers discussed that they would like to see the plan take an active interest in further addressing:

- Health challenges such as HIV/AIDS and STD risk that are faced specifically by older gay men and lesbians and how they can be addressed;
- The need for more community connections as individuals age in place in either their own homes or in adult living facilities;
- Education about new pharmaceuticals on the market and newer meds that aid sexual activity as well as STD and HIV/AIDS prevention; and
- Creating ways that cover HIV/AIDS and STD testing because Medicare does not cover these items.

The Board discussed possibly implementing a walking/exercise program for younger and older lesbian and gay individuals to participate in to promote mentorship, aging in place, engagement and healthy living.

### B. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

The Board reviewed and assigned the various roles requires for the upcoming Rainbow Key Awards:

- Date – June 18 or 25 work for the Board. Staff will follow up with absent boardmembers and rely the final date to the Board.
- Location – The Board decided to hold the event in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park
- Fabricating Awards – Robert Gamboa
- Catering – Laura Wise
- Program/Flyer Design – Matt Palazzolo
- Contacting Honorees –
  - Mikel Gerle and Brendan Rome: Matt Palazzolo
  - Jimmy Palmeri: Robert Gamboa
  - Elaine Suranie: Ivy Bottini
  - Our Lady J: Matt Palazzolo
  - Jon W. Davidson: Ivy Bottini
- Emcee: Laura Wise/Enrique Reveles

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Lesbian-Related Topics -

Laura J. Wise reported that The Spot had no female doctors and that the lack has a serious impact on the lesbian community. Laura stated that she would like the permission of the Board to reach out The Spot to find out what services they do offer women. Staff noted that they would report back to the Board regarding what official services are offered to women at The Spot.

Ivy Bottini discussed the lack of meeting spaces for lesbian women and the need to create new spaces where women could meet, socialize, discuss issues and build community. Elisabeth Sandberg asked about the possibility of utilizing the new coffee shop, Longshot, located in the Council Chamber lobby, to provide services to a future meet-up of lesbian women in the Council Chambers lobby. Staff noted that they would report back on the feasibility of such a program.

V. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports from liaisons or committees.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ivy Bottini spoke about the need to examine and advocate for overturning the statute of limitations on rape cases and potential involvement from the Board at a future time. Staff noted this and will report back at the next meeting.

Ruth Tittle spoke about the upcoming West Hollywood Chambers of Commerce Health Fair and invited individuals to come out on March 21, 2015 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm in front of Capitol Drugs and participate.

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

John Erickson, Staff Liaison, spoke about the events featured this month for Women's History Month, distributed flyers for the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Women in Leadership Awards, and the May 1-3, 2015 Women's Leadership Conference.

Jeff Book, Staff Liaison, spoke about the Board reappointment and application process and gave instructions to the Board on how they can reapply, should they wish to, to remain on the Board and encouraged the Board to reach out the City Clerk's office if they had questions.

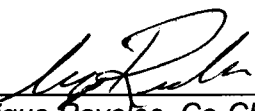
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT


There was no additional public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm in memory of Malcolm Boyd and Dirk Shafer.

Signed,

  
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Enrique Reveles, Co-Chair

  
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Laura J. Wise, Co-Chair