

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2015**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2015  
Plummer Park  
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Member De La Cruz

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Motion to approve agenda by Member Weiss. Seconded by Member De La Cruz. Motion approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve February 2015 meeting minutes by Member Weiss Seconded by Member Marroquin. Motion passed.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT  
NA**

**7. Aging in Place Strategic Planning**

David Giugni, City of West Hollywood Social Services Manager

May 9, 2015 meeting will be held. Commissioner Weiss is the board member attending the meeting.

Commissioner Samala asked about time and place of the meeting. This information is not available yet.

Member Lachine asked about what services are available now.

Member Weiss spoke about receiving information from people from different websites.

Member Lachine spoke about the important of having information for people who are getting ready to retire. To help bridge the gap between services available as you retire.

Chair Johnson spoke for the need for competent health care for the community.

Member Juarez spoke concerning Health 360 a community and wellness fair for LGBT women being held Saturday April 11, 2015 at the Center.

Member Lachine spoke of the need for financial planning.

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS (7:08)**

Vice Chair LaChine thanked Councilmember Land for all the work she has done for the board and the City

Member Juarez thanked David Escobedo for his work with the board.

Member Samala thanked David Escobedo for his work with the board.

Member Weiss thanked David Escobedo for his work with the board.

Chair Johnson thanked David Escobedo for his work with the board.

Member De La Cruz listed the names of 5 Transgender youths who have committed suicide in the first two months of 2015. Leelah Alcom, 17 Ohio, Ashlyn Haffner, 16, North Carolina, Zander Mahaffery, 15, Georgia, Melonie Rose, 19, Maryland, Aubrey Mariko Shine, Ca

## **8.ITEMS FROM STAFF (7:12)**

8A Staff would like to provide to the chair monthly update of Transgender Community members who have died in the past month due to being murdered.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:14)**

9A. Aging in Place Strategic Planning, Moved to item 7

9B. DOR

Member Marroquin would like to make sure those women in Latin America is also included.

Member Lachine volunteered to have a friend help with the postcard.

Member Johnson spoke of events that we may be hosting in that month.

Film Festival

Wellness Fair November 21, 2015

DOR November 20, 2015

November 1, 2015 Expanded kick off.

Community Collaboration for the event. More of a social day. Chair Johnson will work on that.

Member Juarez spoke about Transgender Day of Action and the Trans Latin coalition TFED Wellness event.

Staff spoke about contacting the women who is playing in American Horror story

Member LaChine spoke about the newscaster and also the Navy Seal.

Chair Johnson asked that the board bring a name every meeting for a speaker and artist so we can reach at immediately

Member De La Cruz asked that we also include youth in our search for speakers.

Member Lachine spoke of the importance of having someone young.

Chair Johnson spoke of the importance of starting to shape the program.

Member Lachine made a motion to start DOR at 6 p.m. seconded by Member Juarez.

Discussion followed, Motion passed.

March will happen with the same route.

Staff to bring in budget on a monthly basis.

Flags, whistles and shirts, reusable bags were requested for DOR.

Member De La Cruz would like to have more Facebook, Twitter, and social media.

Chair Johnson asked that we start the conversion on awards

Member Lachine spoke about do we want to do anything for Pride.

Member Juarez asked that Michael Che be invited to a meeting.

9C. Transgender National Awareness /Day of Solidarity.

Member Juarez spoke of the board connecting people by hosting

a Transgender Hugging Booth. Would like to host this in the

City of West Hollywood. Member Weiss concerning the health reason

Of why she does not like the program.

9D. U.S. Food and Drug Administration on blood donations from the Transgender Community

Member Weiss spoke concerning articles that had appeared in press.

Member Weiss made a motion that the City Council is asked to communicate that the board and the City's concerns and support to United States Senator Elizabeth Warren, for her efforts to get the FDA to change its existing blood donation policy to allow members of the LGBT community to donate blood. Second Member LaChine. Motion passes.

9E. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News

Member Marroquin spoke concerning a healing to be hosted by numerous groups

Event to be hosted in April. Contact Marroquin for more information.

Member Juarez spoke concerning a showing of Pyhmalion on March 24, 2015.

Member De La Cruz spoke concerning Bienestar event taking place on March 7, 2015  
Bienestar will also have Miss Bienestar on March 29, 2015

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS (7:22)**

N/A

**11. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS (7:24)**

Vice Chair LaChine spoke recent election and how important it is to still be a part of the board.

Chair Johnson spoke of what an honor it has been to work with the board. Chair Johnson also spoke of a film he is working on.

**12. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING (7:26)**

**13. ADJOURNMENT (8:47 p.m.)**

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to their next meeting on April 1, 2015 at West Hollywood Plummer Park, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, in Rooms 5 and 6. The March meeting was adjourned in the name of Lamia Beard, Ty Underwood, Yazman Vash Payne, Taja DeJesus, Penny Proud, and Kristina Gomez Reinwald.

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