

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 14, 2015
LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

B. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order at 7:05 pm on Thursday, May 14, 2015, in the Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Present: Beth Bishop, Ivy Bottini, Robert Gamboa, Kate Eggert, Lucas John Junkin, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Ruth Tittle, Laura Wise.

Not Present: Paul Chavez.

A quorum was present at all times. Also present were Council Deputy Scott Schmidt, Michael Che, and staff liaisons Jeff Book and John Erickson. Kate Eggert joined the meeting in progress.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ivy Bottini asked about conditions for adding an urgency item to the agenda. Staff said the conditions are that need for the item must have arisen after the preparation of the agenda, and that action is required prior to the next meeting.

Ivy Bottini moved that Item VI.A.1, on PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) be declared an urgency item under these conditions, and added to the agenda as Item V.B. This was seconded by Lucas John and unanimously approved.

The agenda as amended was then unanimously approved on a motion by Matt Palazzolo, seconded by Robert Gamboa.

[Later in the meeting, the agenda was amended to include the End Racial Profiling Act of 2015 as an urgency item, as Item V. C.]

D. MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2015

Prior to the meeting, staff distributed revised draft minutes indicating that Kate Eggert had proposed Lesbian Spaces and LGBT Historical/Information Kiosks as future agenda items. Approval of the revised minutes was moved by Ruth Tittle, seconded by Matt Palazzolo, and approved.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Robert Gamboa asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Markus Michael Albert Schaedler, a West Hollywood resident who passed away in a hang gliding accident on May 9. Enrique Reveles asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Jacob Lescenski and Anthony Martinez of Las Vegas, NV – straight and gay friends who attended their high school prom together.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Che provided information on the 8th annual One City One Pride celebration, which begins May 22 on Harvey Milk Day, and continues in Pride Month (June).

Barbara Hamaker invited people to a West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation open house, to be held June 16 at the Laurel Norton property.

Lee Walkup, member of Senior Advisory Board, spoke about the Gay Men's Chorus, living wage, vote-by-mail, banning short-term rentals, and the City's collection of food and necessities on Harvey Milk Day.

Jim Wen and Caitlin Freidge discussed the End Racial Profiling Act, which is seeking state and federal approval.

III. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES

Matt Palazzolo spoke about the Democracy Council's briefing on LGBT rights in Russia and the Middle East.

Ruth Tittle attended the community forum on PrEP on May 13.

Laura Wise said she was willing to be the liaison to Women's Advisory Board.

Enrique Reveles, Ivy Bottini, and Kate Eggert attended the Aging in Place strategic planning meeting on May 9.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Laura Wise updated the Board on arranging catering. Matt Palazzolo said he can produce the flyer if he has all the information. John Erickson said there would be a City Council item on June 1 to authorize expenditures for the event. Robert Gamboa said awards have been ordered. The Board discussed having flowers.

Ivy Bottini volunteered to present the award to Elaine Suranie; Robert Gamboa and Ruth Tittle, to Jimmy Palmieri; Matt Palazzolo to Our Lady J.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON RAPE

John Erickson provided a handout on current California law regarding the statute

of limitations on civil and criminal charges of rape and sexual assault. Ivy Bottini said she opposes such limits in these cases, and is putting together a coalition to work for their repeal. She plans to speak to the Women's Advisory Board about this. Enrique Reveles moved to invite Mayor Lindsey Horvath to speak on this subject when her schedule permits. This was seconded by Robert Gamboa and approved.

B. PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PrEP)

Lucas John and Ruth Tittle spoke about PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), and ways to help people to become more educated about it. Robert Gamboa spoke about the need to overcome shaming and stigma, and how the City can provide leadership in this regard. Matt Palazzolo spoke about whether the City can help streamline access to PrEP and help people maintain their prescriptions.

Board members requested that a "PrEP 101" training be done for them, possibly including assistance from the National Minority AIDS Council, which helped present the community forum on PrEP earlier in the week.

Lucas John moved to recommend to the City Council that the City adopt a policy requiring that any social services providers receiving City benefits for HIV testing provide information on PrEP to anyone who tests negative. This was seconded by Kate Eggert and unanimously approved.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ivy Bottini asked if it is possible to have more microphones for board meetings, because members currently have to share.

Robert Gamboa spoke about blood donation policy; about the action by Vienna, Austria, to include same-sex couples in the images for its "walk" streetlights; Long Beach Pride; the upcoming @SIZZLE! sober space in LA PRIDE festival; and the Heart of Art gallery. He said he would be bringing back the discussion of naming the intersection of Santa Monica and San Vicente Boulevards.

Ruth Tittle spoke about the Gay Men's Health Fair at Fiesta Hall.

Ivy Bottini said this Board is the only one that is required to submit its award selections to the City Council for approval. She opposes this and hopes that City Council will change their minds about it.

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board and commission liaisons assignments will be on an upcoming agenda.

The Advisory Board agreed to keep the statute of limitations on rape on their Unfinished Business agenda.

The Advisory Board agreed to keep PrEP on their Unfinished Business agenda.

Matt Palazzolo moved to place the LGBT historical significance of The Factory on an upcoming agenda. This was seconded by Enrique Reveles and approved.

Laura Wise moved to place creation and preservation of Lesbian Space in the city on an upcoming agenda. This was seconded by Lucas John and approved.

Kate Eggert moved to put the topic of LGBT history kiosks on an upcoming agenda. This was seconded by Laura Wise and approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

C. END RACIAL PROFILING ACT OF 2015

Laura Wise moved that the End Racial Profiling Act of 2015 and related legislation be added to the agenda as an urgency item, with the finding that the need for the item arose after the preparation of the agenda, and that action is required prior to the next meeting. This was seconded by Lucas John and unanimously approved. The topic was added to the agenda as Item V.C.

Lucas John moved to recommend to the City Council that it adopt a motion endorsing the End Racial Profiling Act of 2015 (S 1056, Cardin, and HR 1933, Conyers) and a related state bill, AB 953 (Weber). This was seconded by Robert Gamboa and unanimously approved.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

John Erickson spoke about the Women's Leadership Conference.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

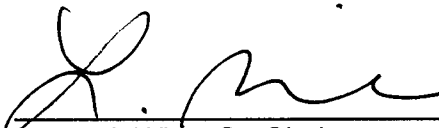
IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm in memory of Markus Michael Albert Schaedler, and in honor of Jacob Lescenski and Anthony Martinez.

Signed,



Enrique Reveles, Co-Chair



Laura J. Wise, Co-Chair