

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 5, 2011
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL

I **CALL TO ORDER**

A. **ROLL CALL**

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by the co-chairs at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Ivy Bottini, Angela Brinskele, Bill Gordon, Ben McCormick, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, and Nadia Sutton.

A quorum was present at all times. Councilmember John D'Amico, Council Deputy Michelle Rex, Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book, staff liaison, were also present.

B. **POSTING OF AGENDA**

Staff reported that the agenda had been posted at City Hall and other locations as required.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with the exception that the items involving remarks from Councilmember D'Amico and Corey Roskin were moved up.

D. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 14, 2011, meeting were approved on a motion by Ben McCormick, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, with Bill Gordon and Matt Palazzolo abstaining due to absence from that meeting.

E. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

There were no adjournment requests.

II. **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no items from the public.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBER D'AMICO**

Councilmember John D'Amico spoke about the city's 25-year history and where

it may be going in the future. He spoke about the impact of the community's historic choices in architecture and residential design, including garden court apartments, and about how design affects the way people are drawn into the city's social spaces. He spoke about providing many small and affordable residential units, which are a key for younger residents, and about mixed-use developments

Advisory Board members raised several topics, including how to keep the character and small businesses of the city; making sure the East Side is not shortchanged in development; ways to bring residents together, both east and west; making the city more welcoming to lesbians; some topics from the recent Council campaign; the Tom of Finland Foundation and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission; and planning for an AIDS memorial.

Councilmember D'Amico introduced Michelle Rex, who is serving as Council Deputy.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD BOOK FAIR

Corey Roskin spoke about the upcoming 10th annual West Hollywood Book Fair and the opening of the new Library on San Vicente Boulevard, all happening in the first weekend of October. He said the Book Fair planners are working on ideas for LGBT content, including new fiction from LGBT writers.

Advisory Board members talked about their participation in this year's Book Fair, and Matt Palazzolo joined the Advisory Board's task force on this.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Dan Berkowitz said the Arts and Cultural Affairs subcommittee meets later in the month.

Angela Brinskele said the Lesbian Visibility Committee is working with CSW to make the Dyke March a large community event.

Nadia Sutton spoke about the Stonewall Democratic Club's Stoney Awards.

Sue Sexton spoke about Fashion Night Out on Sept. 8, about the City of LA's Human Relations Commission's transgender committee report, about a transgender reception to be held during CSW, and the documentary "Becoming Chaz."

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. RAINBOW KEY

On behalf of the Rainbow Key task force, Ben McCormick spoke about plans for the 2011 Rainbow Key event to be held Tuesday, June 21, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the Silver Screen Theatre of the Pacific Design Center, focusing on a one-hour reception, a one-hour awards presentation, and a one-hour dessert follow-up.

The following list of recipients of 2011 Rainbow Key awards was moved by Bill Gordon, seconded by Elisabeth Sandberg, and approved for recommendation to City Council: Sam Borelli, John Crabtree Ireland, June Mazer Archive, Terry LeGrand, Rick Watts, Mia Yamamoto, Del Whan, and Stephen David Simon.

The Advisory Board discussed plans for conducting the event, and voted to recommend costs of \$3,000, on a motion by Bill Gordon, seconded by Ben McCormick, and approved. A donation from the Visitors and Marketing Bureau will be sought, as in previous years.

C. PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

Dan Berkowitz spoke about Outlaugh Comedy, which is presenting an honor to Robin Tyler.

Ben McCormick spoke about the CSW parade.

D. RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO WORKED TO REPEAL DADT

This item was tabled.

E. AIDS MEMORIAL

Ivy Bottini said a meeting of the city committee on memorials was scheduled.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Dan Berkowitz said his current show opens tomorrow, and a show he wrote opens May 14 at the Still Speaking Theatre in San Marino.

Ben McCormick said Rise Up & Shout will be held Saturday, May 14, at 7 p.m., at Barnsdall. He conveyed thanks for support from Mark Thompson.

Angela Brinskele said the ALMS Conference begins next Thursday.

Nadia Sutton spoke about her Youth Advocacy Group, her concern about legislation on abortion restrictions, and on behalf of the board, their concern for Ruth Tittle's mother's illness.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At the request of Nadia Sutton, the meeting was adjourned in memory of pilot Charles Burlingame, brother of Visitors and Marketing Bureau executive Brad Burlingame.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.