

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – MAY 10, 2012
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order by Co-Chair Matt Palazzolo at 7:08 p.m., Thursday, May 10, 2012, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Present: Ivy Bottini, Lucas John, Andrew Oldershaw, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, and Ruth Tittle

A quorum was present at all times. Jeff Book, staff liaison, was 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 as posted.

D. MINUTES

The minutes of the April 12, 2012, meeting were approved on a motion by Enrique Reveles, seconded by Ivy Bottini, with Matt Palazzolo abstaining.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Elisabeth Sandberg requested that the meeting be adjourned in appreciation of President Obama's announcement of support for marriage equality, and in solidarity with students who have been victims of domestic violence. Ivy Bottini asked that the meeting also be adjourned in appreciation of Vice President Biden's remarks on marriage equality.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

A. ADDICTION, RECOVERY AND SEXUAL HEALTH

Andrew Oldershaw said the ARSH task force met three times since the last

Advisory Board meeting, including twice with Social Services staff. An abbreviated survey was developed, which will be sent next week, with return requested in 3-4 weeks. The community survey is still being developed

B. OTHER TASK FORCES

Elisabeth Sandberg said the Lesbian Visibility task force didn't meet but did research. She discussed The Palms, which is set for demolition, and the search for other ideas for spaces.

The media and marketing task force will be meeting soon.

Ruth Tittle spoke about She, the lesbian discussion group, which approximately 50 attended, in the Library community room.

Matt Palazzolo discussed plans for participation in the Pride parade, asking whether members wanted to proceed with a separate entry. Ruth Tittle will look into this further.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RAINBOW KEY

Rainbow Key is planned for Saturday, June 16, at The Robertson, a space across from The Abbey. Rainbow Key task force will meet to prepare biographical information about the honorees. The task force is interested in the Rainbow Key awards having their own page on the City website.

B. ONE CITY / ONE PRIDE

Staff distributed a flyer with a chart of events planned for June.

C. JOINT MEETING WITH TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD

The joint meeting is planned for Wednesday, June 27, at 7 pm, in the Library community room. The boards' chairs – Coco Lachine, Elisabeth Sandberg, and Matt Palazzolo – will share the chairing of the meeting.

Plans for the joint meeting were approved on a motion by Matt Palazzolo, seconded by Lucas John.

D. MISSION STATEMENT

Andrew Oldershaw presented a draft statement. After discussion, he said he would make a revised version for distribution to the board.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Lucas John moved, and Ivy Bottini seconded, to add an urgency item to the agenda, regarding Lesbian & Gay Programs in the City budget, and declaring that the need for the item arose after the preparation of the agenda, and that action must be taken prior to the next meeting. This motion was adopted with Elisabeth Sandberg abstaining.

VI.B. CITY BUDGET

The Advisory Board decided to request that the line item for Lesbian & Gay Programs be increased to \$30,000 for the FY 2012/2013 budget. Individual members said they would speak to Council members about this. Staff will convey the request to the Council and their deputies also, as well as the department heads involved. There was discussion of recommendations for using expanded funding, including a video showcase of the city.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD (continued)

The City's "Got Milk" program was discussed.

Elisabeth Sandberg said a Norwegian lesbian performer will be at M Bar on Vine.

Sue Sexton said people are invited to submit ". . . and proud of it" videos to CSW.

Ivy Bottini said the effort to have a gay and lesbian museum is now a non-profit called The Lavender Effect, which will be highlighted at the Los Angeles mayor's reception in June.

Ivy Bottini spoke about the positive implications of using language of "equality," in lieu of "tolerance" and "acceptance."

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no additional items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. in appreciation of President Obama's announcement of support for marriage equality, and of Vice President Biden's remarks on marriage equality, and in solidarity with students who have been victims of domestic violence.

Signed:

Elisabeth Sandberg, Co-Chair

Matt Palazzolo, Co-Chair