

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES – JUNE 9, 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 7:07 p.m., Thursday, June 9, 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, Nadia Sutton, 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 with the correction of the date of the next regular meeting, which is July 14, 2011.

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

Nadia Sutton requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Margaret Tittle, mother of Advisory Board Member Ruth Tittle. Sue Sexton requested the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Sara Delovich, mother of Shirley Delovich.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Nadia Sutton spoke about the Stonewall Democratic Club's theme of LGBT youth, and ending bullying.

Dan Berkowitz asked about progress toward a joint meeting of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. Staff said a joint meeting was not anticipated, but the City was exploring other ways to address concerns following the Commission's non-endorsement of the Tom of Finland Erotic Arts Fair. Dan Berkowitz said a joint meeting was necessary, and that it was unacceptable to not have it. The Advisory Board discussed several ways of approaching this, and asked that it be placed on the next agenda.

Angela Brinskele invited everyone to the Dyke March, with the event beginning around 5:30 or 6:00 p.m., and the march at 7:30 p.m.

Sue Sexton said the Transgender Advisory Board did not meet due to lack of quorum.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. LGBT OUTREACH ON REDISTRICTING

Staff distributed information regarding LGBT outreach by the Citizens Redistricting Commission, which is in the process of drawing new lines for the state senate, assembly, board of equalization, and U.S. House of Representatives. LGBT input is sought in public hearings and comments to the Commission.

B. OUTFEST

On a motion by Bill Gordon, seconded by Angela Brinskele, the Advisory Board voted to join as an Outfest community collaborator for the screening of "Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same," at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011, at the DGA Theatre on Sunset Boulevard.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Ben McCormick discussed final plans for the Rainbow Key reception and awards, to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, in the Silver Screen Theatre of the Pacific Design Center.

The Advisory Board discussed the use of male and female as the only current choices for gender on Evite. The Board decided to pass this information along to the Transgender Advisory Board, for their review.

B. PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

Ben McCormick provided information on participating in the Pride parade.

Dan Berkowitz discussed the Outlaugh Festival, and provided information on the Play Reading Festival.

The Advisory Board discussed recent comments on whether men should

participate as marchers in the Dyke March.

Nadia Sutton spoke about Elliott Sitz, 16, who received an award for an essay at a reception held by the mayor of Los Angeles. The Advisory Board urged that he and his family be invited to the Rainbow Keys.

C. RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO WORKED TO REPEAL DADT

This item was carried over to the next agenda. Ruth Tittle said that members could speak to their councilmembers about how to approach this issue.

E. AIDS MEMORIAL

Staff reported that the City's memorial committee had reviewed the application for an AIDS memorial, and had recommended that applicants speak with Craig Daugherty, a member of another group that also supported the idea of an AIDS memorial.

Richard Zaldivar of The Wall Las Memorias is planning to speak to the next meeting of the Board.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ivy Bottini noted that the 2011 Dyke March shirt employs one of her paintings.

Dan Berkowitz spoke about a play he is directing this week.

Sue Sexton spoke about the mayor of Los Angeles's first LGBT heritage month.

Matt Palazzolo spoke about remarks by Tracy Morgan at a show in Nashville. He said that he and Tanner Efinger had spoken to Morgan's publicist today, and that they are considering further steps in response.

Angela Brinskele spoke about the VolunTeen Awards, held by the city, and about the ALMS conference.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no additional items from staff.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. in memory of Margaret Tittle and Sara Delovich.