

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – NOVEMBER 4, 2010**  
**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 Co-Chair Sue Sexton at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, November 4, 2010, in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Members Present: Dan Berkowitz, Angela Brinskele, Bryeon Earle, Bill Gordon, Ben McCormick, Matt Palazzolo, Enrique Reveles, Elisabeth Sandberg, Sue Sexton, Nadia Sutton, 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

Without objection, Item V.A. was moved to after Items from the Public. The agenda was approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg.

D. MINUTES

The minutes of the Oct. 14, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Elisabeth Sandberg, with Sue Sexton abstaining due to absence.

E. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Nadia Sutton asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of State Sen. Jenny Oropeza. Sue Sexton asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mary Martinez, a leader of Long Beach Pride.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sam Borelli of the Public Safety Commission spoke about pedestrian safety and domestic violence prevention.

Steve Pargamanik of the Russian Advisory Board spoke about increasing collaboration between the boards, and possible collaboration on a joint event.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. TREVOR PROJECT

Michael Vacha, Jr., West Coast call center manager for The Trevor Project, spoke about the program and recent media attention to youth suicides, and said the program has had an increase in volume of contacts. Nadia Sutton commended the program for its tools to respond to particular situations, and Bryeon Earle thanked Michael Vacha for his work.

III. TASK FORCES AND LIAISONS

Angela Brinskele spoke about the Lesbian Field Day in the Park, to be held Nov. 14.

Sue Sexton said Nov. 20 is the Day of Remembrance, supported by the Transgender Advisory Board. She discussed a possible joint session between the two advisory boards. The co-chairs will speak to leaders of the Transgender Advisory Board about this possibility.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. PRIDE MONTH TASK FORCE

Dan Berkowitz, Bill Gordon, and Ben McCormick were designated as members of the Pride Month task force, which will work with members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission on ideas and events for Pride Month 2011.

B. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Nadia Sutton said she would like to participate in this city task force, and that she will speak to Councilmember Lindsey Horvath about what kind of help is needed.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. CITY CONTRACTS WITH GAY & LESBIAN CENTER

Staff distributed a list of 2010-2011 City contracts with the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center, including \$167,459 for the Health Services/Sexual Health Program; \$23,982 for Legal Services; \$138,282 for Mental Health; \$76,858 for the Transgender Program; \$125,435 for WeHo Life, an HIV prevention program; and \$82,112 for Youth Services, for a total of \$614,128.

Members of the Advisory Board said they would like more information about what the Center programs do. Some members are scheduled to tour the Center in the near future.

C. RISE UP AND SHOUT!

The Advisory Board continued consideration of recommending some level of financial support to the 2011 Rise Up and Shout! performance, planned for the Barnsdall Theatre. Staff will check on whether it is consistent with city policy to recommend purchasing tickets which would be distributed to young people in the city. The item was carried over to the next agenda.

D. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Dan Berkowitz said a volunteer is needed to produce this annual event. Nadia Sutton, Sue Sexton, and Ben McCormick volunteered to serve on the Rainbow Key task force. The item was carried over for further discussion.

E. COMMUNITY SURVEY

The task force is continuing to develop thoughts on this. The item was carried over to the next agenda.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Ruth Tittle asked if the Advisory Board could be given the same presentation on Plummer Park plans that the Human Services Commission recently received.

Elisabeth Sandberg noted that "Making Paradise," the community musical featuring Ivy Bottini, has added performances. Ivy Bottini will also be speaking at noon on Wed., Nov. 17, at the Fletcher Jones Auditorium at Woodbury University.

Elisabeth Sandberg and Ben McCormick have scheduled tours of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center.

Nadia Sutton noted that City Council approved the Advisory Board's recommendation of \$500 to help purchase food for C.I.T.Y. x1's Thanksgiving event.

Angela Brinskele said the Mazer archive is holding an open house on Sunday, Nov. 7, with the West Hollywood fire department in attendance.

Dan Berkowitz provided information about a play reading on Nov. 15.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reported that Ivy Bottini, who was not able to attend due to participation in the West Hollywood community musical, had asked the Advisory Board to consider inviting Hon. John Duran to speak to the Advisory Board about the changing nature of the city. By consensus the Advisory Board agreed to make this invitation.

Ben McCormick said that CTE Academy is signing up participants for the next session.

Ruth Tittle noted the possible tear-down of The Palms, a historic lesbian bar. This was placed on the next agenda, to see if there may be ways to save the structure. Angela Brinskele will check to see if the leader who worked on historical designation for the Black Cat in Silver Lake can speak.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in memory of State Sen. Jenny Oropeza and Mary Martinez.