

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR January 6, 2016**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 06, 2016  
Plummer Park  
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90048**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Wen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Fran Lapidés

**3. ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, James Wen, Kean O'Brien and Jaye Johnson. Also present: Bonnie Smith Public Safety Supervisor. Absent Justine Gonzalez, Erika De La Cruz, Coco Lachine and Mariana Marroquin.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – Motion to approve agenda by Member Samala. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion approved.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve December 2, 2015 meeting minutes by Member Samala. Seconded by Member O'Brien. Motion passes.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member O'Brien wished everyone a happy New Year.

Member Johnson wished everyone a happy New Year, and spoke of looking forward to the year ahead.

Member Juarez wished everyone a happy New Year, and spoke of looking forward to the year ahead.

Member Samala wished everyone a happy New Year, and spoke of looking forward to the year ahead.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8A. Trans Chorus of Los Angeles: Chair Wen spoke of the grant that the chorus was awarded. Chair Wen spoke of the chorus being awarded funds to sing at 2 events. Member Johnson asked for the events that were listed in the grant. Chair Wen stated Transgender Day of Visibility and Transgender Day of Remembrance. Member Johnson referenced the minutes of December 2015 that stated that board had asked that the Choir be involved in One City, One Pride. After a discussion between the board members concerning if the choir was slated to perform at TDOR 2016, it was decided that staff would look into what was written up for the awarding of the grant.

8B. League of Women's Voters: Michelle Dennis from league of Women's Voters asked for the support of the Transgender Advisory Board for helping get the transgender community to the polls to vote. Would like to host a voter education and empowerment day. Would like to have on March 26, 2016. Would consist of 2 workshops and a speaker and be education on the elections coming up this year. People would be able to register at the event.

Roz Tyson and Fran Lapidés from League of Women's Voters spoke about what type of event would be hosted. The event would include voting basics and practicing voting. Ms. Lapidés also spoke of looking for people in the Transgender community to become part of the League of Women's Voters speakers' bureau. Ms. Lapidés spoke of running voters basic education and the importance of voting.

for people in the Transgender community to become part of the League of Women's Voters speakers' bureau. Ms. Lapedes spoke of running voters basic education and the importance of voting. Staff asked that the board decide what the support of the event means to the City. Space for the event, assist in getting the word out to the Transgender Community to attend training. Motion made by Member Juarez TAB to sponsor the event by providing a space and helping to publicize the event thru the Commination's Division. Seconded by Member O'Brien. Motion passes with Member Johnson abstaining.

Member Juarez, Member O'Brien and Chair Wen will assist on the event.

Women's Advisory Board Member Karen Aries spoke concerning Women's History Month and maybe the WAB involvement in the voting workshop.

Member Juarez spoke about needing some information included in Women's History Month on women in the Transgender Community.

#### 8C. Day of Empathy

Resident of West Hollywood spoke of her idea of having a Day of Empathy in the city. The board decided not to support the event. Member Johnson did voice support of having a day of education not involving role playing.

8D. Goals: Staff asked that all goals be sent by email so they could be placed in a file and brought back in February. Transgender Day of Visibility, Member Juarez spoke of wanting to have the event on March 31, 2016. Staff spoke of the cost of the event being around \$3,000 for the event. Staff to provide a budget at the February meeting.

### 9. New Business

#### 9A. Transgender Calendar of Events

Chair Wen spoke on Congressman Honda and the importance of him being in office. Chair Wen spoke about having tickets available to attend a meeting with the Congressmen.

Chair Wen spoke about attending the Women's Advisory Board.

### 10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None

### 11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### 12. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member O'Brien spoke about be excited for the upcoming year.

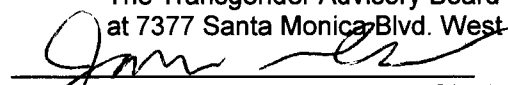
Member Juarez spoke about being excited for the upcoming year.

Chair Wen spoke on the Transgender Community being in numerous media outlets.

### 13. REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT (8:20 pm)

The Transgender Advisory Board will adjourn to the next meeting to be held on February 3, 2016 at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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