

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

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Plummer Park
7377 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90048**

1. CALL TO ORDER –Chair Wen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Karen Eyres

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Motion to approve agenda by Member Samala . Seconded by Member Lachine. Motion approved. With change to 8B.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion to approve March 2, 2016 meeting minutes by Member De La Cruz. Seconded by Samala. Motion passes. Approved with changes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Johnson spoke of the Transman health and exhibit night. June 1, 2016. Celebrating the lives and health of the Trans man

Member Samala was asked to be member of the board of directors for APAIT. Member Samala spoke on working with the LAPD

Chair Wen spoke about the March 8, 2016 Human Services Commission (HSC) meeting that he attended with other Advisory Board Members & Commissioners to discuss social services priorities defined during TAB's February meeting, and announced that on April 12 HSC would host a Public Hearing on Social Services Priorities. He also spoke of meeting with a Los Angeles architectural design firm (to be named at a later date) who may receive an internal corporate grant to study gender neutral bathrooms ranging from sports venues, malls, strip retail, schools, office, churches through creating transgender & cisgender focus group discussions throughout Southern California, possibly nationally. Chair Wen spoke of the Orange County Human Services Commission and their work with the Orange County Sheriff Department and their Transgender sensitively training. He spoke of being on a conference call with the National Center of Transgender Equality on a nationwide call concerning the North Carolina anti-LGBT discrimination bill HB2. Chair Wen also spoke of being out in the community and working on having St. John's Episcopal Cathedral change their restrooms signage using WeHo's signage model as an example. Chair Wen and Member Samala met with new WeHo Sheriff Captain Perez. Chair Wen spoke of the Voter Transgender Empowerment Event who attended and who supported the event. He also spoke of reaching out to the Raffi Freedman-Gurspan from the White House via Human Rights Campaign-LA.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. Goals tabled till next meeting

Karen Eyres spoke of a goal of outreach to the cisgender community and the Women's Conference. May 6 and 7, 2016. Suggested that TAB attempt to become involved if not in 2016, then in 2017.

Suggestions included an all Trans* women panel or inviting a Trans* woman to speak on a panel in formation.

8B. Outreach: Chair Wen suggested making Outreach one of TAB's 2016 selected focus goal. Spoke of the mentorship program that the Transgender Service Provider Network (TSPN) is considering based on a discussion with its board secretary. Member Marroquin spoke of the outreach she does on a daily basis. She spoke of her schedule really not allowing her to do additional outreach. Chair Wen spoke of a letter thanking Raffi Freedman-Gurspan her for her support of the Trans* Voter Event (TVE) and a request for her to create a video for future TVE. Board Members requested WeHo Mayor to send correspondence. Member Johnson spoke of speaking at an event at UCLA as a member of the Transgender Community and not as a TAB member.

Member Lachine spoke of the month of June and the board should be considering doing outreach at some of the Pride Events. She asked that people share events for the month of June and what can the board do to be visible at those events. Member De La Cruz spoke of her support of the idea, but is worried about our events in November. Member Johnson spoke of using the events to engage and solicit their support for the November events. He also spoke of needing to create a marketing piece for the month. Member Lachine asked that a postcard be designed and have the TDOR and Transgender Awareness Month, of events listed. Member Johnson asked for a save the date and contact info for people to get involved to be placed on the card. Marroquin spoke about a different marketing piece. Member Lachine spoke of going to council for more funds. Member Johnson spoke of the lack of resources making the event poorly attended.

8C. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2016

Chair Wen, and Members Lachine and Marroquin asked to look at the budget for last year. Staff to email the budget. Member Johnson will take the lead on marketing for TDOR and the month of November. Member Johnson spoke of wanting to do a contest for the design of the t-shirt. Chair Wen asked if there would be a contest also for the theme. Member Johnson spoke of video project that would be great for the marketing. Staff to speak to Communications Division and set up the meeting. Spoke of getting the community involved in hash tagging their own video. Member LaChine spoke of a concept video or a short PSA to be made by the community. Member Johnson spoke of how we can drive the people to the website. Chair Wen spoke of sharing the video or PSA that included how Transgender Advisory Board works in order to inspire other locales to create their own advisory boards with WeHo as a model. Member Johnson responded that that would be two different project videos. Member Marroquin spoke of letting Member Johnson brainstorm what he is looking to do.

8D. Transgender Month of Awareness, No Discussion

9. New Business

9A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News: None

Member Samala spoke of Los Angeles Pride. Staff spoke of the council item concerning LA Pride.

Member Lachine spoke of reaching out to the One City, One Pride. Would like a calendar of events.

Member Marroquin spoke of August being the deadline for the 2017 One City, One Pride entries.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke of the upcoming Public Safety meeting on April 16, 2016.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

12. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Marroquin announced that April 10 -16th is victims' rights weeks. (get the flyer)

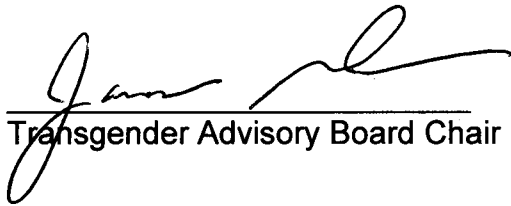
Member LaChine spoke about the meeting on June 1, 2016. Spoke about should we move the meeting.

13 REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

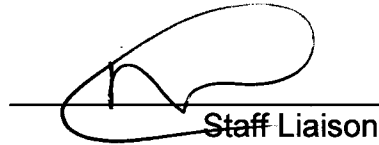
Member Johnson asked about moving or cancelling the June meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT (8:25 pm)

The Transgender Advisory Board will meet next on May 4, 2016, at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90048.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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