

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2015**  
**LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

B. **ROLL CALL**

The West Hollywood Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was called to order at 7:02 pm on Thursday, August 13, 2015, in the Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood.

Present: Beth Bishop, Ivy Bottini, Robert Gamboa, Kate Eggert, Lucas John Junkin, Enrique Reveles

Not Present: Laura Wise, Matt Palazzolo

A quorum was present at all times. Also present was staff liaison John Erickson.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Robert Gamboa.

D. **MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2015**

The minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting, with the correction reflecting the appropriate spelling of Dan Morin's name, were approved on a motion by Ivy Bottini, seconded by Kate Eggert, with Ruth Tittle and Lucas John Junkin abstaining.

E. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Robert Gamboa asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kyle Smith, a member of the West Hollywood recovery community who recently passed away due to an overdose.

Enrique Reveles asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Ivy Bottini's upcoming birthday.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lee Walkup spoke about the Stonewall Democratic Club BBQ; the upcoming City Council meeting and items on their agenda.

Nir Zilberman thanked the LGAB for their work and invited members of the Board to attend his center Love No Hate; informed the Board about an upcoming documentary he is filming; informed the Board about his hope that more could be done to help the LGBT community.

Michael Yates spoke to the Board about an upcoming show he is producing about confronting politician's views and voting records on LGBT rights for a major television network and invited members of the Board to reach out to him if they wish to be involved.

Dan Morin spoke to the Board about an recent movie he discovered at the West Hollywood Public Library set in Germany in 1919; how he believes that the empty lot at the corner of Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Blvd. should be the country's first ever LGBT history museum; his support for saving the Factory; and the correct history of the founding of the AIDS Walk.

Elisabeth Sandberg spoke to the Board about her organization called the L-Project and their upcoming Frieda Fest on September 12, 2015 in Fiesta Hall at Plummer Park from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm and the ongoing importance of lesbian space.

Carlos Sosa spoke to the Board about their annual co-sponsorship of City X1 and hoped that the Board would again consider their annual sponsorship of "The Big Feast" event which serves the local LGBTQ youth homeless population during Thanksgiving weekend.

### III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### A. PrEP (PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS)

Nir Zilberman spoke to the Board about the importance of PrEP and how he has a weekly meeting at his LGBT Center Love No Hate on PrEP.

Lucas John Junkin provided information about updates on PrEP and how it is being developed into a pill, shot and potential lubricant.

Robert Gamboa spoke about item 2.Y. on the upcoming City Council agenda regarding recommendations on PrEP with regard to the City's contracted social service agencies. He said the recommendations did not match the original intent of the Board regarding AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), which provides a mobile HIV testing unit at the corner of San Vicente and Santa Monica Boulevards.

Lucas John Junkin concurred with Robert Gamboa.

Lucas John Junkin motioned to require AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) to have and/or give information on PrEP/PEP in their facilities, including mobile testing sites, in West Hollywood, second by Robert Gamboa and was approved by a consensus of the Board.

#### B. INTERSECTION OF SANTA MONICA AND SAN VICENTE BOULEVARDS

Robert Gamboa provided information about previous efforts to rename the intersection of Santa Monica and San Vicente Boulevards.

Robert Gamboa and Kate Eggert indicated that they were going to work together to bring back more information to the Board regarding potential names and ideas for the intersection of Santa Monica and San Vicente Boulevards.

Staff reported that Steve Campbell, Facilities and Landscape Manager, will be at their September meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.

C. LGBT HISTORY KIOSKS

Nir Zilberman spoke to the Board about how they need to take action now and stand up for LGBT history.

The Board discussed coming back at an upcoming meeting with a list of LGBT historic places in the City of West Hollywood for further discussion.

Staff provided information regarding the Community Development Department's current process of selecting a consultant to prepare a historic context statement and conducting a citywide survey of commercial structures.

The Board requested that once the consultant was requested that they attend a future LGAB meeting to get their input on LGBTQ history in West Hollywood.

D. LGBT HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FACTORY

Kate Eggert provided an update to the Board that the Factory was recently placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.

Lucas John Junkin requested the status of the Board's recent action on designating the Factory as a historic space.

The Board questioned whether or not they could put together a letter writing campaign to save the Factory.

Staff provided information to the Board that their action items are provided to City Council in the form of an Action Report on their agenda. Staff agreed to come back at the next meeting about the feasibility about the Board hosting an official letter writing campaign to save the Factory.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS AND COMMITTEES

There were no reports at this time.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was tabled until the September meeting.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Beth Bishop invited the Board to attend the upcoming "Best in Drag" event.

Ivy Bottini requested that Steve Campbell provide information on what other projects were placed before the Werle Building.

A. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Robert Gamboa moved to place on the next agenda a discussion of potential co-sponsorship of Nir Zilberman's upcoming documentary; a discussion of the most recent Public Safety Report and ways the Board can be involved with promotion better public safety; a report on what homeless, addiction, and HIV services the City currently offers; and a report of rent stabilization. There was no objection to placing these items on the agenda.

Lucas John Junkin moved to place on the next agenda a discussion of the upcoming movie *Stonewall* and co-sponsorship of the "Big Feast" Thanksgiving event. There was no objection to placing these items on the agenda.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

John Erickson provided the Board with the flyer for the upcoming annual Women's Equality Day Event on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers and invited the Board to attend.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

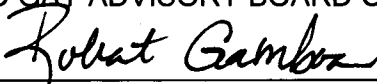
Nir Zilberman spoke to the Board about the need for the Board to be more active and present in the community.

Dan Morin thanked Kate Eggert for the correction of his name in the minutes; how the minutes of Board meetings should be more descriptive; and the conduct of members of the public during Board meetings and enforcing the rules of conduct so appropriate decorum is addressed at all times.

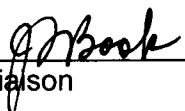
X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm in memory of Kyle Smith and in celebration of Ivy Bottini's upcoming birthday.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

  
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Co-Chair

Attest:

  
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Staff Liaison