

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday September 7, 2016  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90048**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Lachine called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Member Juarez.

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

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve August 3, 2016 meeting minutes by Member Gonzalez. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion passes. Member Johnson abstained.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dipti Singh, of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, spoke of two new projects that Bet Tzedek Legal Services will be providing in the future.

**7. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Samala spoke of attending a quinceañera with Zoey, a former speaker at Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Member Wen spoke about attending the City Council meeting. Member Wen also spoke of items concerning boards and commissions. Member Wen asked to adjourn in memory of Erykah Tijerina of El Paso, Texas and Rae'Lynn Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

Member Lachine spoke about meeting with City Manager Arevalo and the approval of the stipend increase to \$75.00 and the roles of board and commission members. Member Lachine asked staff to invite the City Clerk to go over the purview of what the advisory board does once a new member has been chosen by City Council. Member Lachine spoke of the ethics meeting that all board members and commission attends.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8A. Transgender Day of Remembrance 2016:

Member Wen spoke of safety at the event, including considering an increase in number of deputies and the possibility of having the officers in plain clothes.

Board would like to request a Trans 101 Training in the month of November for the Sheriff's Department. Staff to check on if that date would work for the Sheriff's Department.

Transportation: Staff to send letter to Los Angeles Transgender Community Advisory Board asking for transportation options. Staff to get a budget for the cost of West Hollywood PickUp line from Hollywood and Highland Station. Staff let Board know that the West Hollywood PickUp line is now going to the location on Sundays.

Theme: March in Reflection

Poster board making: Member O'Brien to run the table  
Board discussed who would volunteer this year.

Nominations for Keynote Speaker: Isa Noyola, Program Director, Transgender Law Center; Jazz Jennings, Youth Youtube star; Ryland Whittington, of the CNN documentary "Raising Ryland"; and Congressman Mike Honda, who has a transgender granddaughter Malisa.  
Board to consider an adult and a youth speaker. Board chose to select Isa Noyola to speak at Transgender Day of Remembrance. Member Juarez to reach out for the invite. Jazz Jennings to be invited as youth speaker.

Music Performer Considerations: DJ, Mariachi Performer (7 members), Gospel Singers, Trans Chorus.  
Board wanted to consider an artist who does something other than music. Member Johnson to reach out to Jayden, a transgender poet.

Member Wen requested budget for last year's Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Board discussed looking for someone to create a slide show for the event of transgender individuals who have passed away.

Board discussed whether or not to continue reading of names, and how to make it more positive:  
Member Lachine spoke about limiting the time spent reading names. Member Wen would like to consider a dove release at the event. Board stated that spiritual/clergy individuals may attend the event. Board asked that the prayer be translated for the screen.

Member Johnson to design program once the content is provided.  
Member Wen to contact Ms. Marroquin at the center about the t-shirt design.  
Member Wen discussed the roles of the board while at the event.

8B. Transgender Month of Awareness:

Member Lachine discussed the calendar for the month of November.  
Member Johnson spoke about looking for gallery space for One Archives. Staff said they would contact Andrew Campbell from the City to see if he could help.

## **9. New Business**

9A. Calendar of Transgender Special Events/News:

Community Image Award, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM Member Johnson is being honored at Hamburger Mary's

Member Samala shared information about the Queen California Pageant 2016 to be hosted September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree by Hilton located in downtown Los Angeles.

9B. Job Fair

Member Juarez spoke about the upcoming job fair on October 20, 2016. Member Johnson to work with Member Juarez on mentoring some of the job applicants before the job fair.

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

N/A

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

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

Member Wen spoke of working on the City of West Hollywood bathroom ordinance with Genzler Associate.

Member Juarez spoke of her appreciation of the board and thanked them for their support.

Member Johnson spoke about Trans Health LA organization just receiving a three million dollar pledge to be used for internet marketing college tuitions.

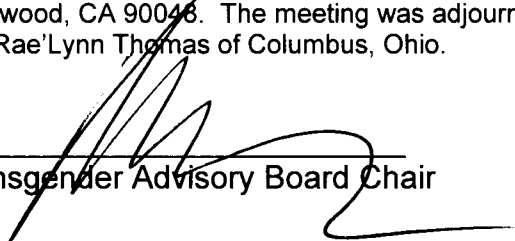
Chair Lachine thanked the TDOR committee for their hard work. Chair Lachine also thanked the audience for attending the meeting.


**13 REVIEW AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

City Clerk to be invited to discuss purview of board.

**14. ADJOURNMENT (8:25 pm)**

The Transgender Advisory Board will meet next on October 5, 2016, at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90046. The meeting was adjourned in the names of Erykah Tijerina of El Paso, Texas, and Rae'Lynn Thomas of Columbus, Ohio.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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