

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2, 2017**

**6 p.m., Wednesday August 2, 2017  
Community Conference Room  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.  
West Hollywood, CA 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Lachine called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Drian Juarez led the pledge.
3. **ROLL CALL** – Board Members present: Chair Coco Lachine, James Wen, Dr. Jaye Johnson, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez, Karina Samala, Leslie Frias, and Erika De La Cruz. Also present: Bonnie Smith, Staff Liaison.

Absent: Lindsey Deaton

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda by Member Sanchez seconded by Member De La Cruz and approved.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve the minutes of July, 2017 by Member Juarez seconded by Member Wen and approved with changes.
6. **ELECTIONS**  
**ACTION:** Dr. Jaye Johnson Chair, Member Sanchez Vice Chair
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
N/A

**8. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Sanchez spoke about attending the camp Brave Trails for LGBT youth.

Member De La Cruz spoke of being happy to be with the board.

Member Johnson spoke of the Weho Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for the annual business nomination. Would be great if the board could help nominate a Trans/Queer business.

Member Juarez spoke of a new makeup donation program that the center is working on. The kick off reception for the program is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Member Wen thanked the community members who attended the meeting. He thanked the Mayor and the Council for their support of Brave Trails youth camp.

Member Wen also thanked Councilmember Duran for his support at a Transgender Military Rally held in the City. Member Wen asked that the meeting be adjourned in the names of the following Transgender community members who lost their lives in the past

month. Ebony Morgan, Crystal Cash, Kean MacFadin, Kesha Adman Avery Barrens,

Member Frias spoke of happy to be on the board. Member Frias shared information concerning an upcoming training she is attending. Member Frias Spoke of the last survey conducted in conjunction with the Transgender Latino community living with HIV shows the numbers of infected down.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Transgender Awareness Month Events**

*SUBJECT: Discussion of location for the Transgender Day of Remembrance and events to take place during the month.*

Staff spoke about having secured a location at Pan Pacific Park. Staff also spoke of working with Economic Development on the rental of the Lot.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

*Subject: .The Transgender Advisory Board will be given a presentation by Jordan Aiken, of Bet Tzedek detailing new Transgender Programs*

**ACTION:** Have Bet Tzedek participate in November Transgender Awareness Events

*Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will discuss Business in the City of West Hollywood and their treatment of Transgender Community.*

**ACTION:** A letter to go out to all businesses in the City of West Hollywood from The Transgender Advisory Board and the City of West Hollywood Council offering a free Trans 101 class. In lieu of the live class some form of a video or pamphlets to be provided to all employees. Also Member Wen and Juarez to meet to discuss our other actions that needs to be explored that the Transgender Community can act on without the board.

*Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will discuss the tweet concerning the Banning of Transgender individuals in the active military tweeted out by President Trump.*

**ACTION:** Attempt to find a Transgender active Military Member to attend the City of West Hollywood Veterans Day.

*Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board discussed writing a letter to send to all local businesses asked the businesses to hire Transgender community members. This idea was suggested out Councilmember D'Amico office.*

**ACTION:** A letter to go out to all businesses in the City of West Hollywood from The Transgender Advisory Board and the City of West Hollywood Council promoting the hiring of Transgender Community Members. Member Juarez, Sanchez and staff to work on the letter. Letter to be send by the end of August.

*Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will discuss the Social Services Goals from 2016.*

And share all goals that have been achieved at the televised meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board will discuss Transgender Visibility Day*

**ACTION:** Table to the month of December.

#### **11. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff spoke concerning July events in the City.

Staff spoke of receiving information by July 17<sup>th</sup> – for the Transgender Resource Guide. Member Johnson will like to receive all information before it goes to social services staff.

Motion by Member Johnson to move monthly meetings to 6 PM. Seconded by Member Juarez.

**ACTION:** Motion by Member Johnson to move monthly meetings to 6 PM. Seconded by Member Juarez. Motion passed 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstaining.

#### **12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Eyres, Women's Advisory Board member spoke concerning the Transgender Military Ban. Spoke of Women's Equality Day on August 18, 2017.

David, member of the FBI spoke concerning the diversity that the department is thriving for this year. David also spoke of the FBI field office in Westwood flying the Transgender and Pride flag for the month of June.

Carmella, Trans Latino Coalition introduced herself to the board.

#### **13. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Member Juarez thanked the board for help with the grant for the Trans Providers Photo Exhibit.

Member Wen thanked Congressman Adam Schiff's office, Assemblymember Bloom's office, and the Florida House of Representative Print Shop for their assistance in providing educational collateral for Brave Trails Camp. He also thanked Stonewall National Museum & Archives located in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, for creating a one-page history on the Pride Flag, as well as transgender community members Monica Helms, creator of the transgender flag, Alexandra Magallon, seamstress for the LA #ResistMarch giant transgender flag, and Trans Latin@ Coalition for their stories.

Member Samala spoke of a study that UCLA is conducting. She also spoke about the LAPD National Night out Party.

Member Sanchez expressed gratitude to the board for their vote of confidence for choosing her as vice chair for the next year. Member Sanchez also discussed the negative comments being directed towards the radio show Breakfast Club following a discussion on the Transgender Community.

board members of the upcoming Ethics Training to be held on September 5, 2017. Chair Johnson also thanking outgoing Chair Lachine for all her hard work over the past year.

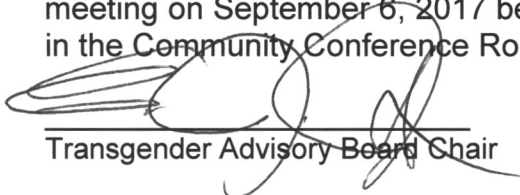
Member Lachine thanked the FBI for sharing about the diverse programs they are offering and the flying of the Transgender flag during the month of June. She spoke of the work the board has done in the past year, and the joy of having a spot at the table. She wished Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Sanchez good luck in the upcoming year.

**14. ADD TO AGENDA:**

Table Social Services Goals 2016 and Transgender Day of Visibility.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned in the names of Ebony Morgan, Crystal Cash, Kean MacFadin, Kesha Adman Avery Barrens, 7:55 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on September 6, 2017 beginning at 6 PM at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. in the Community Conference Room.



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Transgender Advisory Board Chair



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Staff Liaison

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