

**MINUTES**  
**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
  
**FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD**  
**WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Duke Mason called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Lauren Costine, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa,  
Lucas John Junkin, Sue LaVaccare, Samantha Lavin,  
James Duke Mason, Marquita Thomas.

**ABSENT:** Megan Cotanch, John Erickson

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Giugni, Acting Director of Human Services and  
Rent Stabilization; Jeff Book, David Escobedo.

Marquita Thomas joined the meeting in progress.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved unanimously.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 9, 2017, meeting were approved unanimously.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The artist Khoi Nguyen displayed the large installation picture of Harvey Milk he is creating through hundreds of thumbprints. He talked about the project and asked those interested to visit his website:

<http://www.iconicpaths.com/milk/milk.html>

The Advisory Board welcomed David Giugni, who is Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization.

## **F. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Duke Mason asked that the meeting be adjourned in congratulation of Senator-elect Doug Jones of Alabama, and in recognition of the significant role of the African-American community, and in particular African-American women, in the voter turnout of the December 12, 2017, special election.

Jason Frazier asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mayor Ed Lee of San Francisco.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

## **3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. 2017-2018 LGAB WORKPLAN**

*Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will continue discussion of the three major areas chosen for 2017-2018: Lesbian Visibility, Homelessness of LGB Youth, and the Future of the LGB community.*

The Advisory Board chose to focus at this meeting primarily on the second area, Homelessness of LGB Youth.

Robert Gamboa spoke about the increase in homeless numbers in West Hollywood and Los Angeles County in the last year, and about what can be done to provide immediate help. He spoke about the possibility of paying people to help by doing simple tasks, and about bringing tangible help, like showers and clean packs.

Lucas John recommended teaming up with groups that are already working in the area of LGB homeless youth. Jason Frazier said that the primary need of young people at the LA LGBT Center's Youth Center is immediate income.

David Giugni recommended asking Corri Planck, Homeless Initiative Project Manager, to speak at the next meeting. She has been working on the topic of homelessness for the City. The Advisory Board concurred.

Duke Mason said there is a need for more permanent housing, including housing for LGB youth, and asked how LGAB can be involved.

Marquita Thomas joined the meeting at this point.

Staff will provide Board members with information on signing up to participate in the next count of the homeless by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA).

David Giugni noted that the City is conducting a clothing drive for youth in

January. Lucas John noted belts as a particular need, and Jason Frazier said black ties and black pants as well.

The Board discussed the possibility of inviting the City Council subcommittee on homeless issues to attend an LGAB meeting.

On the topic of Lesbian Visibility, Lucas John expressed interest in whether the now-vacant coffee shop next to the Council Chambers could be a lesbian-owned business. Marquita Thomas will lead on the possibility of locating space in the city.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

**5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on Excluded Consent.

**6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

There were no additional items from staff.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**A. LIAISON REPORTS**

Duke Mason reported that he and Jason Frazier attended the Public Facilities Commission, which heard LGAB's recommendations with regard to a Pulse memorial. He said the Commission wanted to locate it in West Hollywood Park along Robertson Boulevard. They approved LGAB's text and design recommendations.

**B. OTHER ITEMS FROM ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Jason Frazier recommended that the Board take a closer look at corporations with regard to missteps toward the Lesbian and Gay community, as well as making it better known when they have improved.

Robert Gamboa spoke about #BOOM! coming up on New Year's Eve.

Duke Mason asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Brandi Seals, a Black trans woman who was killed on December 13. He also noted that the second Women's March will be held in January.

Marquita Thomas said the next directory for the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is closing at the end of the year.

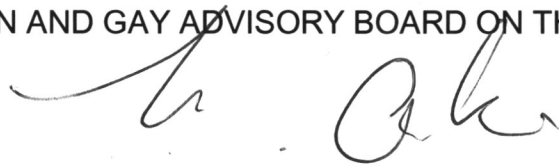
**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:43 pm in congratulation of Senator-elect Doug Jones of Alabama, and in recognition of the significant role of the African-American community, and in particular African-American women, in the voter turnout of the December 12, 2017, special election, and in memory of Mayor Ed Lee of San Francisco, and of Brandi Seals.

The next regular meeting is at 7 pm, Tuesday, January 11, 2018, in the First Floor Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY JANUARY 2018.



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Co-Chair

Attest:

  
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Secretary