

**TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2017
6:00 PM
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Member Wen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Dr. Jaye Johnson, James Wen, Alexis Sanchez, Drian Juarez
Karina Samala, Erica De La Cruz, and Lindsey Deaton

ABSENT: Coco LaChine, Leslie Frias

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda.

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Motion by Member Juarez to approve the December 6, 2017 agenda, seconded by Member Sanchez, and approved.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of prior Transgender Advisory meetings.

ACTION: Approve the minutes of November 8, 2017. Motion by Member Samala, seconded by Member De La Cruz, and approved.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joseph Green, resident West Hollywood, spoke of the being on the board of HIV Connect. He spoke of needing members of the Transgender community to sit on the board.

7. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

N/A

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

8A. **NEW BUSINESS:** WeHo Arts Transgender Arts Initiative Grants presentation by Mike Che, Arts Coordinator City of West Hollywood

Recommendations: Review and approve the WeHo Arts Transgender Arts Initiative Grants as recommended by the City of West Hollywood's Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

Action: Transgender Advisory Board recommended the Weho Arts Transgender Arts Initiative Grants.

8B. NEW BUSINESS: Discuss if the Transgender Advisory Board would support the "I am Jazz" Community Reading at the West Hollywood Library on December 7, 2017

Recommendation: Member Wen spoke about the event and he said that Jessica Herthel, co-author of I am Jazz, will be attending the event, which is to be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4 PM at West Hollywood Library.

Action: Transgender Advisory Board will support the "I am Jazz" Community Reading at the West Hollywood Library on December 7, 2017.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9A. Transgender Awareness Month Events

SUBJECT: Discussion of the Transgender Day of Remembrance and events that took place during the month of November.

Action: Chair Johnson gave an update of the events. Member Juarez suggested a kickoff event celebration next year. Member Juarez spoke of the Day of Remembrance and the enjoyment of having altars at the event. Member Juarez suggested considering more alters at the event next year and including more of the board members in the program.

Member Sanchez thanked the board, City staff, and those who took leads on different events. Member Sanchez thought the month brought more awareness to the Transgender community. Member Sanchez also thought a kickoff celebration would be great. Member Sanchez suggested a tighter program for the Day of Remembrance.

Member Samala thought the Day of Remembrance was great but she said that the reading of the names needed to be better organized. Member Samala highlighted that the location of the Day of Remembrance event was amazing.

Chair Johnson spoke of the month and agreed a celebration is needed as a kick off. He spoke of the different events and thanked Member Juarez for her work on the job fair. Chair Johnson spoke of 90 people attending the job fair. Chair Johnson suggested working on the timing of the event.

Member Johnson spoke of having to reign in the reading of the names at next year's Day of Remembrance. He spoke of the people who enjoyed spending

time at the altars. Member Johnson spoke of maybe adding an altar creation event.

Member Wen spoke that 37 names and narratives were read in 20 minutes since all the readers were able to gather to the front for call and response. Member Wen spoke about the guest speaker who gave a detailed cathartic speech that enabled audience to empathize. Member Wen spoke of the great comments he received on the altars. Member Wen spoke of the good venue for the Wellness Fair. He also spoke of the great job fair that Member Juarez hosted

Member Deaton spoke of the great events that happened throughout the month of November.

Recommendation: Receive Information

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff reminded the board to turn in goals for next year before the January meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Juarez thanked staff for her work and wished the board Happy Holidays. Member Juarez spoke of the joy of working with the board. She spoke of wanting to have a campaign for businesses owners in the City of West Hollywood that asks for a commit of zero harrasement of the Transgender Community.

Member Sanchez spoke concerning being on the planning group for "Boom," the drug and alcohol free event held in the City of West Hollywood. Member Sanchez spoke of needing 100 volunteers for the event.

Member De La Cruz thanked staff for her work. She wished the board Happy Holidays. Member De La Cruz spoke of the money that is needed to enter the Weingart Center in Los Angeles.

Member Samala spoke concerning APAIT Quest Pageant on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Member Salama spoke of taking a tour of the Weingart Center. She spoke of three members from the Transgender Community who has temporary shelter there and of the services that are available there.

Member Wen thanked Karen Eyers from Women's Advisory Board for her help in preparing some proposed Motions regarding SB 396. Member Wen also gave an update on Brave Trails, and the transmen camp, that addressed race issues & transmen

health, will be held next in April in Colorado. He also spoke of the screening of Rent and invited other board members to attend the screening.

Chair Johnson announced that Trans LA is hosting a film festival in June 2018. He spoke of seeking jurors to prescreen the films, which will take place in January and February. Chair Johnson thanked the board and staff for serving the community. He wished the board a Happy New Year.

13. ADD TO AGENDA:

Potluck January: Welcome all Day of Remembrance volunteers to the potluck.

January Meeting:

Campaign for businesses owners in the City of West Hollywood that asks for a commit of zero harassment of the Transgender Community

Day of Visibility

February Meeting:

Proposed Motions Regarding SB 396

Transgender Awareness Month 2018

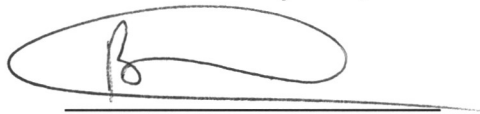
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14. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 6:48 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2018 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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