

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018
6:00 P.M.

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL, 8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Member Samala led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Johnson (6:10 PM), Vice Chair Sanchez, Members Samala, Monroy and Juarez
ABSENT: Members Deaton, De La Cruz, Lachine, Wen
ALSO PRESENT: Lily Campbell, Emergency Management Coordinator
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda.
ACTION: Member Samala requested to move item 9B to after public comments. Motion by Member Samala to approve the amended March 7, 2018 agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez, and approved. With Chair Johnson, and Members Monroy and Juarez voting yes.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Subject: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2018 meeting.
ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 7, 2018. Motion by Member Samala to approve the February 7, 2018 minutes, seconded by Member Juarez and approved. With Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Sanchez and Member Monroy voting yes.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Karen Eyres, Vice President of Hollywood Chapter of National Organization of

Women (NOW), thanked the Board for co-sponsoring the Vagina Monologues. She said the show was successful with two sold out shows that raised \$5,000 for Planned Parenthood LA. She said there were three transgender women actors who greatly impacted the audience. As Chair of Women's Advisory Board, Karen spoke about the City of West Hollywood's celebration of National Women's History Month. She highlighted the Annual Herstory Awards and Reception (March 15th at 7:30 PM at West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room), and the Women in Leadership Awards and Reception (March 28th from 6-8 PM at 8919 Beverly Blvd.). She also mentioned an upcoming panel on the foster system and asked the TAB to provide suggestions for panelists.

Madison Fairchild, Board Member of LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles, spoke about the Trans Trailblazer Award Luncheon on March 31st. It honors Judge Victoria Kolakowski. She asked trans advocates and trans leaders to attend this event, which will be held at 1 PM at Taix French restaurant (1911 West Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles).

New Business 9.B. was heard before Member Comments

9B. MIDNIGHT STROLL

Jazzmun Crayton spoke about the Midnight Stroll in Los Angeles. She showed a video that presented the services provided by Midnight Stroll. She said that the Midnight Stroll organization has partnered with Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, the Caitlyn Jenner Foundation, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's office. The donations to Midnight Stroll allow the organization to employ two people to work at the site (also called "café"), which includes showers and laundry services and serves as a place for people to relax from 2 AM – 5 AM.

Member Samala, as Chair of the Los Angeles Transgender Advisory Council, said she would like to see the Midnight Stroll extend to West Hollywood, as the walk currently runs from Vermont Avenue to La Brea Avenue. Member Samala suggested Plummer Park as a point of connection for Midnight Stroll.

Jazzmun Crayton recommended that West Hollywood individuals be invited to the café from 10:30 PM to 7 AM. She explained that the Midnight Stroll aims to prevent arrests and offer a location for individuals to go during these hours. Jazzmun mentioned the next Midnight Stroll on March 16th at 2nd Stage Theater (6500 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles).

Chair Johnson asked for the new hours and location of the April Midnight Stroll. Jazzmun said the new hours will be from 10:30 PM – 7 AM at Step Up on Vine (1057 N. Vine Street, Los Angeles), during the weekend of April 13-16. It will begin on the Friday at 10:30 PM until Saturday at 6 AM and then the same schedule for Saturday night.

Chair Johnson asked about the type of support Jazzmun would like from TAB. Jazzmun asked for beds at Ascencia, outreach from community members, publicity of the outreach, and businesses' donations of food.

Member Samala spoke about beds that the City of West Hollywood contracts for homeless individuals at Ascencia.

Chair Johnson asked for specifics regarding TAB. Chair Johnson said he thinks the Board would be supportive of the Midnight Stroll.

Staff reminded the Board that TAB can have staff follow up regarding options for support.

Chair Johnson said he would like Jazzmun and Member Samala to come back to TAB with specific items that Midnight Stroll wants from TAB.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Monroy said next month there will be a Transgender Conference for Latina community at the East Los Angeles County Public Library on Saturday, April 21st from 11 AM to 4:30 PM. She said that it will be offered in Spanish. She said that Bienestar is celebrating Trans HIV Testing Day on April 17th.

Member Samala mentioned Transgender Day of Visibility. Member Samala would like to work with other organizations to celebrate. Member Samala mentioned a documentary about what the United States is doing for Transgender Day of Visibility.

Vice Chair Sanchez welcomed Lily Campbell and the community members who attended the meeting. She mentioned Pride United looking for a Lead Advocate employment opportunity.

Member Juarez thanked the audience for attending. She thanked WAB and the impact of the Vagina Monologues stories.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. Transgender Awareness Month

Recommendation: Provide input on the events that will take place during the month of November.

Action:

Member Monroy asked about the programming of speakers at Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR). Chair Johnson asked if Member Monroy would like to take responsibility for programming. Member Monroy said she'd like to be in charge of organizing speakers. Members Samala and Juarez said they would help with programming TDOR, too.

Vice Chair Sanchez mentioned the proposed march on November 3rd. She recommended that date as the best option for a kickoff march during Transgender Awareness month. Chair Johnson mentioned that there was no final decision on the date of the march. He also recommended to do the march during

the kickoff event. Member Juarez and Vice Chair Sanchez said they would work on the march planning.

Vice Chair Sanchez asked about a film festival and a set calendar for November events. Chair Johnson said there are some events that happen every year in November, however the film festival was cancelled last year due to low attendance. Chair Johnson asked if Vice Chair Sanchez wanted to look into planning this year's film festival. Chair Johnson said he'd like to wait for the rest of the Board to be in attendance before finalizing November events.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. Mural for Trans Youth

Recommendation: Discuss if a mural in West Hollywood for Trans Youth is a possibility.

Action:

Chair Johnson said Member Wen wanted to discuss this mural, so the Board should not discuss the item without Member Wen's attendance.

9B. MidNight Stroll, Jazzmun Crayton

Recommendation: Hear a presentation on the Los Angeles Midnight Stroll.

JPM

Action: *This item was moved and heard before member comments.*

10. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Staff informed the Board that the April 4th and May 2nd meetings will be held at Fiesta Hall, located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA, due to construction in the City Hall lobby.

Staff informed the Board that if the Board desires, an item could be added to the April agenda to discuss sponsoring a sports team at the Gay Games, which was brought up at the February TAB meeting. However, it is currently not part of the TAB's work plan and TAB does not have the funds to sponsor a team, so the City Council usually initiates an item regarding the Gay Games.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Juarez had no items to speak about.

Vice Chair mentioned a successful wrestling event that raised money for charity. She mentioned a screening of "Happy Birthday Marcia" this weekend at The Egyptian.

Member Samala mentioned the need for low income housing in the City due to homelessness. She said she has heard many complaints from community members who cannot afford to live in West Hollywood. Member Samala would

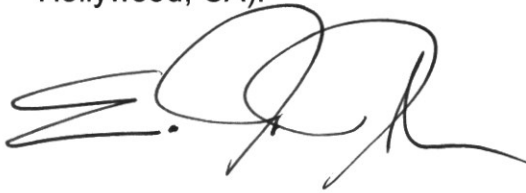
like to add homelessness to the agenda, titled "Trans Homelessness and Low Income Housing."

Member Monroy said she is working with the conference in April and planning for the next meeting.

Chair Johnson had no comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 6:47 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at Fiesta Hall (at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA).

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST

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