

MINUTES

LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

MAY 10, 2018

7:00 PM

LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
625 NORTH SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Megan Cotanch called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Karen Eyres led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL –

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk; Peter Noonan, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization; David Giugni, Social Services Manager; Corey Roskin, and Jeff Book.

Marquita Thomas joined the meeting in progress (noted below).

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approval of the agenda was moved by Robert Gamboa, seconded by John Erickson, and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The minutes of the March 18, 2018, meeting had been corrected due to two errors. Approval of the corrected minutes was moved by John Erickson, seconded by Duke Mason, and approved 8 to 0, with Jason Frazier abstaining.

ACTION: Approval of the minutes of the April 12, 2018, meeting was moved by Robert Gamboa, seconded by Jason Frazier, and approved 8 to 0, with Duke Mason abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Karen Eyres, chair of Women's Advisory Board, discussed the possibility of co-sponsoring events with the Lesbian and Gay Advisory

Board, and thanked those who helped with the Women's Leadership event. On May 15, the Women's Advisory Board is recognizing its 25th anniversary with a panel discussion titled "From Riot Grrrls to Nasty Women" in the City Council Chambers.

2. Buck Angel said that he recently started a cannabis company and is seeking a City of West Hollywood license. He is seeking endorsements for the company, and said there among the current license applicants, very few people of color, and many are not from West Hollywood.

3. Rebecca Armstrong, HIV educator, said she is also seeking an endorsement to have a cannabis business.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Erickson requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Soni Wolf, a founding member of Dykes on Bikes, and photographer Laura Aguilar. There was no objection

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

3. PRESENTATION BY CITY CLERK

City Clerk Yvonne Quarker addressed several areas of interest to the Advisory Board. *Endorsement of Cannabis Applications:* The Board won't be able to provide endorsements. There is a public hearing process. The Business License Commission makes the decisions, which can be appealed to City Council. *Recommendations on the Agenda:* The City Clerk asked staff to begin putting these on the agenda. It helps the public know what will happen at the meeting. *Emergency Items:* As an Advisory Board, this group would very rarely have an emergency item. *Items on the Agenda:* These should be placed on the agenda by roll call vote. People sometimes assume there is no objection to considering an item, when this may not be the case. *Recordings:* Recordings of meetings go to the City Clerk's office, which keeps them for six months. Recording will now be done directly into a system installed in meeting rooms, which will enable the meeting to be podcast. This makes it more important than ever for people to speak one at a time and into their microphone. The Co-Chairs are asked to make sure that happens. *Manageable Agenda:* The Board should plan agendas that will take two hours. City Council will be approving the Board's annual workplan, which should leave room for assignments from the City Council. *Recommendations to Council:* When the Board adopts requests or recommendations to the City Council, for something that is not currently on their Work Plan and cannot be approved at the Staff level, the request will go to the Council subcommittee consisting of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore. The decision of the subcommittee will be then be reported back to the Board at the next possible meeting.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SEEING ALLRED

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will consider having a role in a screening of Seeing Allred (2018), a documentary by Roberta Grossman and Sophie Sartain about attorney Gloria Allred.

John Erickson proposed that the Board hold a screening of this movie. Marquita Thomas joined the meeting at this point. Samantha Lavin asked if there is already a screening being held, which the Board could co-sponsor. This will be checked and reported back.

The City Clerk provided additional information about sponsorships and endorsements. Marquita Thomas asked about getting a one-page summary of these categories.

B. ETHERIDGE AWARD SUBCOMMITTEE

Subject: Staff and board members planning the 2018 Etheridge Award will provide an update.

The group planning the Etheridge Award discussed honoring Patrisse Cullors, Wanda Sykes, or other possibilities. The program will be held in the Sal Guarriello Veterans' Memorial area on Friday, June 8, 2018.

C. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will make further plans for the 2018 Rainbow Key Awards, to be held Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Boardmembers discussed plans for the Rainbow Key program, including providing bouquets to the honorees.

D. DYKE MARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

Subject: Members planning the 2018 Dyke March will provide an update on the event, planned for Friday, June 8, 2018.

Public Comment: Alana Roshay thanked the Board for help in getting this event to its current-scale and visibility.

David Giugni attended this week's LA PRIDE logistics meeting and reviewed the site plan, rolling street closures, tabling, food, trucks, march, and program. Corey Roskin thanked the subcommittee that has worked on the event, which has drawn high interest on Facebook. Golf carts will be present so the mobility impaired can participate in the march.

E. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LGAB

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will continue discussion of recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Board, which was created on February 6, 1989.

This matter was postponed to the next agenda. Lucas Junkin said the committee consisting of himself, Megan Cotanch, Jason Frazier, and Robert Gamboa will meet.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. PASS THE TORCH EVENT

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will discuss providing a "pass the torch" speaking opportunity for those who participated in earlier decades of lesbian and gay activism.

Lucas Junkin spoke possibly providing 10-12 minutes for a speaker to provide input. John Erickson spoke about possibly assisting a coffee talk where the speaker would not have a time limit. He recommended asking Corey Roskin how to link this idea to the Lesbian Speakers Series. This matter was then postponed to the next agenda.

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

7. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Peter Noonan spoke about the Board's interest in housing issues, which are not in the purview of the Board itself, though there is interest in hearing members' ideas.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

9. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

John Erickson attended the Women's Advisory Board meeting in April.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Marquita Thomas spoke about a Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and Central Intelligence Agency outreach event on May 22. Jason Frazier spoke about the Gay Men's Chorus program to reach high school-aged and younger students, with an upcoming concert at Jefferson High School. Sue LaVaccare spoke about a May 30 event by Human Rights Campaign, with Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Congressman Adam Schiff. John Erickson looked forward to hearing from the City Council subcommittee about the Bi event the Board had recommended. He noted Long Beach Pride is next week.

10. ADJOURNMENT


In memory of Soni Wolf and Laura Aguilar, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to its next special meeting, to be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 2018, in Plummer Park's Fiesta Hall. The parking address is 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90046. Drop-off and rideshare address is 1200 North Vista Street, 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE
12TH DAY OF JULY 2018



Co-Chair

Attest:



Secretary