

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

**COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**  
**8300 SANTA MONICA BOULAVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – John Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair Sanchez and Members Samala, Monroe, Denton, Fairchild, Johnson, Wen and De La Cruz

ABSENT: Members Juarez

ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor, Dee Saunders

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Member Johnson to approve the October 3, 2018 agenda, seconded by Member Deaton. Motion passes with Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Fairchild, Deaton, Wen, Samala, Monroe and Sanchez voting yes.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the November 7 2018 meeting.*

**ACTION:** Motion by Member Deaton to approve the November 7, 2018 minutes, seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passes with Members Johnson, De La Cruz, Fairchild, Deaton, Wen, Samala, Monroe voting yes.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Erickson, City of West Hollywood congratulated the board for the Transgender Awareness Month. He spoke of helping getting out the vote and thanked the board for all the work that they do.

## **7. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wen thanked the members of the community for coming out to the meeting. He thanked the awardees for attending the event. Member Wen spoke of attending a business in the city and still being mis-gendered in the community.

Member Deaton spoke of being blessed to be here. She thanked the city and staff for their support. Member Deaton spoke of her reasons for being involved with the community. Access to shelter to medical care, job training and

Member Samala spoke of being on the board since the inception of the board. She spoke of being grateful for the city and being the 1<sup>st</sup> transgender advisory board. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Transgender board has now been formed in the state of Minnesota.

Member Johnson thanked the audience for attending; he also thanked the staff for her work with the board. He spoke of being grateful for a city that is willing to take action. The city should be a model for how the county should run. Member Johnson spoke of attending the council and asking for month long activities and the council agreed. The city is the 1<sup>st</sup> in the world to have a month for the Transgender Community.

Member De La Cruz spoke of being from Mexico and being an immigrant. She spoke of having the opportunity to vote. She spoke of working with the Trans Latin Center. Member De La Cruz thanked the City and staff for their support. She thanked the board for their hard work on the month of November. Member De La Cruz spoke of how she will not be erased.

Member Sanchez thanked the audience for attending. She thanked the city and staff for their work. She shared that she sits on the board due to seeing trauma in the community. She spoke of wanting to help the community to be more active. She spoke of being honored to be on the board, that it has been life changing. She spoke of her day job and how it has helped her.

Member Monroy spoke of this being the time to not be erased, she stated "we need to press on together". She spoke about October 22, 2018 how the transgender community marched and held a rally in front of Los Angeles City Hall. Member Monroy spoke of Bienestar work and how we need to unite the community. Member Monroy spoke of the work that board members do in the city and outside of the city. She spoke of the work needed to advance the agenda of the Transgender Community. She spoke of housing, needing to increase a presence in the work force, and housing for Tran's men and women. Member Monroy spoke about justice respect and equality that must start with the board.

Member Fairchild spoke of being appointed by Mayor Pro Temp Heilman, she spoke of working with Trans Latina Coalition. Member Fairchild spoke of the

need to increase the involvement of community member at events as the board grows. She spoke of being a lawyer and working with the community on immigration issues. Member Fairchild also spoke of the board needing to step up and take action.

City Councilmembers Meister and Heilman, along with Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico and Mayor Duran greeted the board

Member Meister invited all the board to attend the Trans Rally November 9, 2018. The rally is to be held in West Hollywood Park.

Mayor Pro Tempore D'Amico thanked the board for all their work. He spoke of having to miss TDOR.

Councilmember Heilman thanked the board and expressed how proud he is of all the work that the board does. He spoke of the joy of having the board.

Mayor Duran thanked the board for their work. And expressed that he looking forward to the events held during the month. Mayor Duran spoke of Transactivist Connie Norman and all the work she had done in her lifetime.

Member Samala read a text from Councilmember Horvath expressing her sorrow of not being able to attend due to a meeting.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8A. Subject: Awards**

Marianne Marroquin award winner was introduced.

Ms. Marroquin accepted her award. She spoke of being part of the board and she spoke of needing to communicate with the community. She spoke of voting and how we need to keep working. Ms. Marroquin spoke of the importance of learning from each other in the name of the community. Ms. Marroquin spoke of the work being done now is for the future generations.

Chair Sanchez spoke of ProjectQ and the work they do by providing free haircuts for the transgender community. She spoke of ProjectQ providing gender forming haircuts. She spoke of their invaluable service.

Josh Kurpies spoke to the board and thanked them for the work that they do. He spoke of the hate crimes from Los Angeles Human Services Commission. He spoke of the work the board needs to do to work on the statistics of hate crimes. He spoke of the City of West Hollywood providing a safe place for all people

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9A. TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH**

**Subject:** The Board will provide input on the events that will take place during November 2018.

**Action:** Review and Discuss

Staff spoke of the location and hours of the event.

Member Wen spoke of donations that he has obtained

## 10. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

N/A

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

## 12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Samala spoke of the LGBT event. Imperial court, Sunset need a flyer. Acknowledged Desiree Sol in the audience for her work in the community and congratulated Marianne Marroquin.

Member Deaton thanked the city and Marianna for her inspiring her. Member Member Deaton spoke of TDOV on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Member Wen thanked the staff for communication concerning TDOR. He thanked Mayor Duran, and the councilmembers. He recognized a community member who will be making a donation to the event. Member Wen wanted to acknowledge the city for help with housing. Member Wen gave an update on a community individual and his work on getting into housing. Member Wen acknowledged the DAB and spoke of the events he attended. He spoke of inviting community members to the Trans Work fair.

Member Fairchild echoed many items from the board. Member Fairchild spoke of TDOR being her first. She spoke of being a child and undocumented. She spoke of winning her allysum case this week.

Chair Sanchez congratulated Project Q. She thanked council and staff and her mom.


ProjectQ arrived late and spoke during board members comments. Award Winner from ProjectQ spoke of working in the south. She spoke of providing a safe space for the community.

Member Monroy thanked the staff and congratulated all the LGBT community who won last night.

Member De La Cruz congratulated Marianna and invited the board to a fundraising event on Saturday, 7 pm

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:17 PM. The next **Special meeting** is scheduled for December 5, 2018 in the Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd.

  
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Transgender Advisory Board Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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