

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
JANUARY 10, 2019
7:00 PM**

**FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD
WEST HOLLYWOOD 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Co-Chair Jason Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Duke Mason.

B. ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Lauren Costine, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Lucas Junkin, James Duke Mason, Alana Roshay, Sepi Shyne, Marquita Thomas

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager; Jeff Book, Jenny Ivanova.

There is one vacant seat on the Advisory Board. Board Member Thomas joined the meeting in progress.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: With one change to place Item 4.B. (Hate Crime Report) above Item 3.A. (Committee Updates), Jason Frazier moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Lauren Costine approved 9 to 0 by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: James Duke Mason moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018, meeting. This was seconded by Lauren Costine, and approved 6 to 0 by roll call vote, with Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, and Sepi Shyne abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Che, Economic Development & Cultural Affairs Coordinator, spoke about the WeHo Reads event for “The Liberation of Ivy Bottini,” to be held in the City Council Chambers on January 16, 2019. He also spoke about the spring season for WeHo Reads, which is on the City website.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Alana Roshay requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Timothy Dean, West Hollywood resident who passed away this week. Sepi Shyne said there will be a vigil this Friday night in memory of Timothy Dean and Gemmel Moore, at 1234 N. Laurel Ave.

James Duke Mason asked that the meeting be adjourned in recognition of Hon. Nancy Pelosi, who was elected Speaker for the 116th Congress.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Item 4.B. was taken up next.

B. HATE CRIMES REPORT

Subject: A representative from the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations will provide an update on the LA County 2017 Hate Crimes Report, including information related to the LGBT community, the City of West Hollywood, and the County overall.

Marshall Wong of the LA County Human Relations Commission reviewed major findings of the 2017 Hate Crimes report. He said there has been a perception of an increase in Hate Crimes since Election Day 2016, and that most cities do report an uptick. In Los Angeles, there were 508 reported incidents in 2017, a 5% increase over 2016. The lowest recent figure was 384 incidents, in 2013.

Board Member Thomas joined the meeting at this point.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will review its existing subcommittees and consider appointments to those with recent vacancies. Without objection, the Advisory Board added Alana Roshay and Sepi Shyne to the Dyke March committee.

B. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will consider a schedule for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards.

A schedule for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards was moved by Lucas Junkin, seconded by Robert Gamboa, and unanimously approved by roll call vote. The deadline for nominations will be Feb. 28, with the Board making recommendations on March 14, and the City Council receiving the recommendations thereafter. The awards will be presented in June 2019.

B. 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.

Advisory Board members discussed possibilities for an event to recognize the Board's 30th year. They discussed holding a cocktail party for approximately 150 people at Palihouse, the Kimpton, or La Bohème, on the evening of Saturday, September 7, 2019. The event would review the themes of the Board's work and seek to attract future new members.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. I AM JAZZ

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Board will consider endorsing a reading of "I Am Jazz," the story of a transgender child by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, on February 28, 2019 at the West Hollywood Library.

Public Comment: James Wen asked the Advisory Board to join the Transgender Advisory Board in endorsing this event. Jason Frazier moved to endorse the event. This was seconded by Robert Gamboa and approved 7 to 0, with Lucas Junkin and Marquita Thomas abstaining.

B. HATE CRIMES REPORT

This item was completed earlier in the meeting.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Corri Planck spoke about opportunities to provide volunteer help to the annual Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Wen spoke about an event on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, called "Safe Cities Forum 2019: Reimagining the LA Urban Experience for The Transgender Community and Beyond." It will be held at the Ace Hotel. James commented on terminology used to describe sex work and trafficking, and said there is sometimes a need for education on this. James spoke about the Transgender Day of Remembrance, and a Transgender Day of Visibility Festival.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

James Duke Mason said he keeps in touch with Rent Stabilization Commission meetings through the City's YouTube channel.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Sepi Shyne requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dana Martin, the first known transgender person killed in 2019, who was murdered in Montgomery, AL, on January 6.

Robert Gamboa spoke about UCLA Athletics doing a series of Pride events, starting with women's basketball.

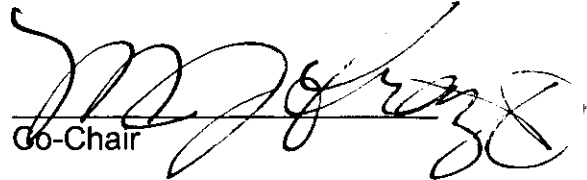
Jason Frazier spoke about the LA Women's March on January 19, and about a Gay Men's Chorus performance on January 20 at the First Congregational Church of Los Angeles. All musical groups that use that location are involved, including the Gay Freedom Band and Vox Femina. Corri Planck said the City will provide shuttles to the LA Metro for people attending the Women's March.

Sepi Shyne said that on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, Human Rights Campaign is doing a Day of Service, volunteering at a school in Mar Vista.

9. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Timothy Dean and Dana Martin, and in recognition of Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to its next regular meeting, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2019, in the First Floor Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019


Co-Chair

Attest:


Secretary