

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019
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** – Member Wen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
PRESENT: Chair Sanchez, Members Samala, Monroy, Deaton, Wen, Juarez, Johnson and De La Cruz
ABSENT: Fairchild
ALSO PRESENT: Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor and DeeAna Saunders, Administrative Specialist II
4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the Agenda of February 6, 2019.
ACTION: Motion by Member De La Cruz to approve the February 6, 2019 agenda, seconded by Member Samala. Motion passes with Members De La Cruz, Monroy, Wen, Deaton, Samala, Juarez and Sanchez voting yes.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
SUBJECT: The Transgender Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting.
ACTION: Motion by Member De La Cruz to approve the January 2, 2019 minutes, seconded by Member Samala. Motion passes with Members Monroy, Wen, De La Cruz, Samala, Sanchez, Juarez and Deaton voting yes.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen spoke about attending the LGAB meeting for their "I Am Jazz" endorsement. He spoke about Trans Chorus requesting to have a written acknowledgment of receipt of letter concerning Transgender Day of Remembrance. He also spoke of attending a Tran's community meeting at St. John's Hospital, the Women's March 2019, and the West Hollywood homeless count. Member Wen provided an update that the "I Am Jazz" author is unable to attend, so Women's Advisory Board suggested the drag queen "Pickle," a Trans youth, or someone from the HRC Foundation to be a guest speaker.

Member Juarez spoke of being happy to be back with Board.

Member De La Cruz spoke about a Latina Coalition Trans Event held on Thursday, February 7th at 5 PM.

Member Deaton wished everyone a Happy February and spoke of the joy of being with the Board.

Member Samala spoke of attending the Women's March and the LAPD forum on Police Use of Force.

Member Monroy spoke about an event being hosted on April 6 for Trans Women.

Chair Sanchez spoke of the UN Women's Event and attending Women's March 2019. She also spoke on sitting on the One Archive Panel on Trans Issues. Chair Sanchez invited the Board to attend the City of WeHo/Hollywood Now Vagina Monologues where she and Member Deaton are performing on February 16th and 17th at 2 PM in the City Council Chambers.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. TRANSGENDER AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS 2019

Subject: The Board will discuss Transgender Awareness Month

Action: Review and Discuss

Staff reached out to Councilmember Heilman to check for space at the Center for Early Childhood Education for Transgender Day of Remembrance 2019.

8B. TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY 2019

Subject: The Board will discuss TDOV on March 31, 2019

Action: Review and Discuss

Staff said that the event in Washington DC has been cancelled and postponed to September, with the announcement to come on February 15th.

Member Johnson suggested sharing information with constituents even though it hasn't been made public.

Chair Sanchez spoke about having resources in place for the event and engaging community in TAB activities.

Member Wen asked if there would be space for vendors.

Staff replied to Member Wen that there is plenty of space for vendors.

Staff stressed the approaching date, being able to utilize resources from collaborative agencies, and the need to finalize plans.

Staff stated that the DJ is hired, food truck research is being done, and table and chairs will be ordered.

Chair Sanchez spoke of the need for resource tables instead of vendors to avoid permitting delays and fees.

Member Wen discussed reaching out to non-profits to help cover vendor's fees.

Member Johnson commented that the permit process is challenging.

Chair Sanchez and Members Juarez and Wen will constitute the sub-committee.

Public Speaker Zee asked how many resource tables are allowed, what are the qualifications, and who to contact?

Staff replied that she will handle all requests for resources tables.

Public Speaker Allison proposed a Sunset Billboard photo to engage the community.

Chair Sanchez requested a photographer for the event.

Member Johnson spoke of the challenge of obtaining space on the billboard, not hiring a photographer.

Member Juarez asked if a billboard is not an option, then a mural at the library could be an option.

Member Johnson suggests workshops where he can teach an entrepreneur workshop.

Chair Sanchez spoke of not having vendors due to the permit requirement and instead holding the workshop to help community members along with a November festival to kick off Transgender Awareness Month with vendors.

Public Speaker Allison shared that her organization can assist with workshops.

Board finalized programming for TDOV.

8C. HEALING TOWN HALL

Subject: The Board will discuss hosting a town hall on March 9, 2019

Action: Event Cancelled

Staff shared one proposal of \$7,200 which is denied.

Member Juarez spoke of needing a moderator to keep the peace and move the meeting along. She suggested reaching out to Conflict Resolution.

Member Johnson proposed changing the date of event to better organize and develop in addition to getting community feedback to see if they want a Town Hall.

Staff suggests having a survey at TDOV regarding the need to have a Town Hall.

Chair Sanchez feels that a Town Hall is necessary and supports changing date.

Member Wen suggested reaching a larger group instead of the same people.

Member Johnson suggested taking advantage of already existing large events to reach people.

Staff will find a survey group for the next meeting while Board is working on questions for the survey.

Board decided not to hold the event at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9A. Year Two Evaluation and Year Three implementation of the City's Aging in Place Strategic Plan

Subject: City of West Hollywood Manager Corri Plank will provide an overview on the City of West Hollywood Aging in Place Plan

Action: Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager and Diane Kahn-Epstein, Program Administrator provided Board with updates of year two of Aging in Place and the plans for year three. They gave a special thanks to Member Wen for participation in the Homeless Count in January.

Member Wen requested a status update on LA LGBT Center homelessness, and the \$300,000 grant (Measure H) given to the City for another MET officer.

Manager Planck provided feedback with updates to new LA LGBT Center and clarified that Measure H funds are for housing for homeless individuals.

Member Deaton spoke of wondering how older Trans are identified and what programming is available to them.

Manager Planck spoke of services are for all, not to exclude Trans community.

Recommendation: Receive and file

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke of securing Plummer Park Rooms 1&2 for the healing town hall on March 9th. She also spoke of having a budget of \$1,000 for this event. (Note: Event was cancelled in 8C.)

Staff spoke concerning an alleged assault on a member of the Transgender Community in West Hollywood on February 2, 2019. Staff read a memo from the Sheriff's Department concerning the incident.

Staff spoke of the date change proposed by the Transgender March Campaign.

Staff spoke of the next step needed for the Safe Cities Global Initiative.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

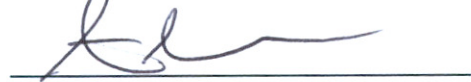
12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen said that Cedar Sinai is hosting the "All of Us" event for 18 years and older medical survey including Tran's community. He said that Kaiser is adding gender identity to wristbands. He said the Grace Rising program is in need of Transgender individuals on February 23rd from 7-9 PM.

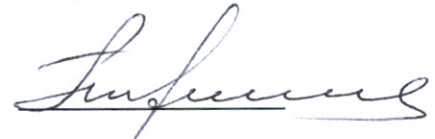
Member Deaton reminded everyone about the Vagina Monologues on February 16th and 17th at 2 PM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:02 PM. The next **special meeting** is scheduled for March 6, 2019 in the Community Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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