

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
FEBRUARY 14, 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 Frazier called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Mason.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Lauren Costine.

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, Jeff Book, Michele Pashayi.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Board Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Board Member Gamboa and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Board Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019, meeting. This was seconded by Board Member Mason, and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tai Sunnanon noted improved collaboration between the City and the Sheriff's Department on monitoring hate crimes, which have increased recently. He spoke about recent allegations regarding Mayor John Duran.
2. West Seegmiller invited Board members to support Me Too March International, Los Angeles Chapter, and Justice for Gemmel; said a rally is planned for February 19 outside the City Council meeting; called for the arrest of Ed Buck; and called for a change of tone and improved systems, including transparency in finances of the City and the Gay Men's Chorus.
3. Robert Oliver spoke about his resignation from the Public Safety Commission and called for allegations of abuse and racist statements to be taken seriously. He urged members of the Board to speak up as well.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Francesca thanked those attending today and asked if the Board has its own way of communicating through social media. He said the Board's 30th anniversary on February 6 went by without mention on the City's main website.

Board Member Roshay joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Board Member Roshay asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Patricia Nell Warren, author of *The Front Runner* (1974), the first contemporary gay novel to achieve critical and commercial success, and in memory of David Quirk McGrath, West Hollywood resident and founder of a leather goods company.

Board Member Frazier asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Dick Summers, who had been a valued member of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles for nearly 40 years, and in celebration of the Board's 30th anniversary year.

Board Member Thomas said the City has come under scrutiny recently with regard to Ed Buck and Mayor Duran. She asked about placing an item on the agenda about programs available from the City for victims of sexual abuse, sex workers, and people with sex addictions.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

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. The Advisory Board noted a vacant seat on the Etheridge Award committee, due to the vacant seat on the Board. The Etheridge Award committee consists of the five female members of the Board.

B. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will continue planning for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards.

Board members said it had been challenging to present the Rainbow Key Awards during Pride Week last year, and expressed interest in the last week of May. Staff will check on availability of the Council Chambers.

C. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF LGAB

Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will discuss and consider options for recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Board.

Corri Planck reported on bids received for a reception honoring the 30th anniversary of the Board's founding. Board Member Roshay moved to recommend the bid from the Kimpton La Peer Hotel and ask the City Council subcommittee that reviews items from the Advisory Boards if a request for additional funding for this event should move forward to the City Council. This was seconded by Board Member Junkin and approved by a vote of 6 yes, 2 no, with Board Members Gamboa and Thomas voting no.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGING IN PLACE, AGING IN COMMUNITY YEAR TWO EVALUATION REPORT AND INITIATIVE UPDATE

Corri Planck presented the Aging in Place video featuring Alla Chasnik of Bet Tzedek Legal Services. She discussed progress in the domains of aging, a framework developed by the World Health Organization, and presented the evaluation report by Health Management Associates Community Strategies (HMA). Board Members discussed how information reaches older adults, and what recourse older adults have when their rental buildings are subjected to the Ellis Act.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Corri Planck said the Human Services Commission is asking the Board to designate a member to speak at the March 12, 2019, meeting of the Commission regarding the needs of the gay and lesbian community, as part of the process of determining Social Services priorities for the City. The Board designated Board Member Roshay to attend that meeting on their behalf.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nate Clark, member of the Human Services Commission, provided information on the March 12 Human Services Commission meeting, which is inviting input on Social Services for the next three-year period (2019-2022). He also spoke about the Gallery Walk planned for March 7 in the City Hall.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Board Member Frazier invited Advisory Board Members who would like to be a liaison to another City board or commission to express their interest to staff and the Advisory Board.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Mason spoke about recent allegations regarding Mayor Duran.

Board Member Shyne attended this week's Public Safety Commission meeting, at which PSC and former LGAB Member Robert Oliver resigned. She spoke about recent allegations regarding Mayor Duran.

Co-Chair Costine sent a statement about recent allegations regarding Mayor Duran, which was read on her behalf by Board Member Shyne.

Board Member Roshay spoke about recent allegations regarding Mayor Duran.

Board Member Gamboa spoke about recent allegations regarding Mayor Duran.

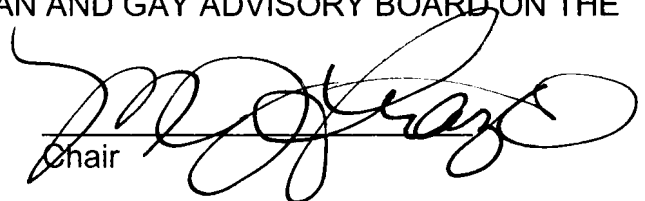
Board Member Junkin said that a soft pass is a no, and should be respected. He requested an agenda item about younger men believing that PrEP is not needed if topping. He asked for the topic to be addressed.

Board Member Roshay expressed interest in having a committee that addresses issues of sexual harassment in the community. Board Member Frazier moved to place on the next agenda the possibility of forming a committee along these lines, and to receive input from staff about possible obstacles. This was approved by consensus, as were Board Member Thomas's request for an agenda item about programs available from the City for victims of sexual abuse, sex workers, and people with sex addictions, and Board Member Junkin's request for an agenda item on attitudes toward PrEP.


9. ADJOURNMENT

In memory of Patricia Nell Warren, David Quirk McGrath, and Dick Summers, and in celebration of the Board's 30th anniversary year, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to its next regular meeting, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 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 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2019.


Chair

Attest:


Secretary