

**MINUTES  
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
MAY 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Billy Francesca.

**B. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Lauren Costine, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier,  
Robert Gamboa, Lucas Junkin, Alana Roshay,  
Sepi Shyne, Marquita Thomas, Zekiah Wright

ABSENT: James Duke Mason

ALSO PRESENT: Corri Planck, David Giugni, Derek Murray, Jenny Ivanova,  
Jeff Book

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Staff requested that the Advisory Board take up New Business before Unfinished Business at this meeting.

**ACTION:** Co-Chair Costine moved to approve the agenda as amended. This was seconded by Board Member Thomas and approved 9 to 0 by roll call vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Board Member Thomas moved approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2019, meeting. This was seconded by Board Member Roshay, and approved 8-0-1 by roll call vote, with Board Member Francesca abstaining.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment at this time.

**F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Board Member Roshay requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kendrick Castillo, a student at STEM School Highlands Ranch, Denver, Colorado, who was fatally shot while rushing a shooter at the school.

Board Member Shyne requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Matthew St. George, Jr.,

former president of the Los Angeles Lawyers for Human Rights (now the Los Angeles LGBT Bar Association).

Board Member Thomas noted that in February she had asked staff for programming regarding sex workers, sexual addiction, and sexual harassment, and the City will be presenting a panel of sex workers. The panel will educate the community on the violence and abuse sex workers encounter, and provide local resources for further education.

Board Member Thomas requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lyn Ross, SAG-AFTRA member and LAUSD teacher, who is survived by her partner of 15 years.

Board Member Thomas requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of writer-director-producer John Singleton. He directed *Boyz n the Hood* (1991), *Poetic Justice* (1993), *Rosewood* (1997), and many other projects, and is the youngest person ever nominated for the Academy Award for best director, having been 24 when he made *Boyz n the Hood*.

## **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Consent Calendar.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

New Business was intentionally taken up before Unfinished Business.

### **A. USE OF PrEP IN THE COMMUNITY**

*Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will discuss the use of PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) in the community.*

The Board received a presentation from two representatives from the LA LGBT Center WeHo – James Bell, Nurse Practitioner, and Alyssa Bolter, Physician's Assistant-Certified – about the use of PrEP, including efforts to address misconceptions about who can become infected with HIV. They discussed what research shows about the risk of infection. They discussed the use of Truvada, which was first approved by the FDA in 2004, and approved for prophylaxis in 2012. The Board also received a presentation from Efrén Chacón, program manager for PEP and PrEP services at Men's Health Foundation. He discussed prevention and medical care efforts at MHF, which include an in-house lab to accelerate results from testing.

### **B. ISSUES, RESOURCES, AND SERVICES FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING SEXUAL ADDICTION**

*Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will discuss issues, resources, and services for those experiencing sexual addiction.*

Lydia Szamraj, LMFT, spoke about issues in the field of sexual addiction, and resources for people who may be experiencing it. She said care must be taken in reaching a diagnosis of sexual compulsive behavior disorder, because many other things can lead to sexually compulsive behavior. This makes it a very challenging area of practice.

A flyer was distributed for a May 13 workshop on Sex, Relationships, and Recovery, led by Paul-Roy Taylor, Ph.D., substance abuse and mental health specialist for APLA Health.

### **3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

*Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will receive updates, review its existing subcommittees and consider appointments to them.*

The Board heard plans for the Dyke March. The Etheridge Award will be presented to Marna Deitch, who, among many other contributions to the community, leads the motorcycle group in the march.

The Board discussed plans for the second annual Bi Pride event being planned for September 21. The Board informally supported a request that the City Council authorize \$3,500 in support of the event.

#### **B. RAINBOW KEY AWARDS 2019**

*Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will make final plans for the 2019 Rainbow Key Awards, to be held Wednesday, June 12, 2019.*

The Board made additional plans for the Rainbow Key Awards, to be held June 12, 2019, in the City Council Chambers. Each honoree has been assigned two or three Board Members who will welcome them. The honorees are Asian/Pacific Gays and Friends, Jeffery Bowman (Legendary Bingo), Rabbi Lisa Edwards, Jake Mason (WeHo Dodgeball), Mecca LA Hosted by Kelly Gilliam, and Project Angel Food.

#### **C. PLANNING FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

*Subject: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board will continue planning for an event recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Board.*

The Board discussed plans for the event, which is planned for September 11, 2019. Corri Planck noted that the City Council had approved funding for the event.

### **5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no items on the Excluded Consent Calendar.

### **6. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Due to the proximity of the Dyke March (June 7), Pride Festival (June 8-9) and Rainbow Key Awards (June 12), the Board indicated a lack of quorum for the June 13, 2019, regular meeting, which was therefore cancelled.

### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jackie Steele thanked the Board and staff for the consensus on funding for Bi Pride, and spoke about intersectionality, diversity, and visibility.

**8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**A. LIAISON REPORTS**

Lauren Costine asked if the committee on the Future of the Community should be dissolved because it is not meeting right now.

**ACTION:** Motion by Board Member Costine to dissolve the committee on the Future of the Community. Seconded by Board Member Junkin and approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

**B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

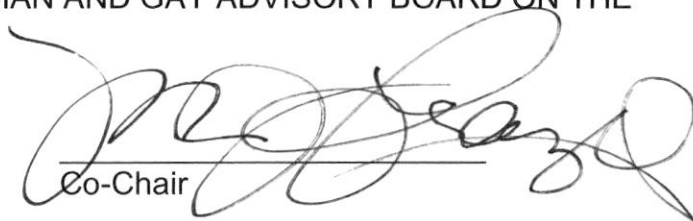
Board Member Thomas requested the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Leah Archer.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

In memory of Kendrick Castillo, Matthew St. George, Jr., Lyn Ross, John Singleton, and Leah Archer, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 9:25 pm to its next regular meeting, at 7:00 pm, Thursday, July 11, 2019, in the First Floor Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069.

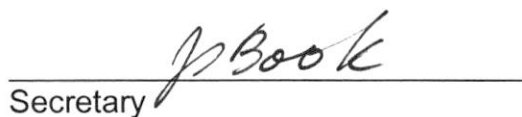
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APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY 2019



Co-Chair

Attest:



Secretary