

MINUTES
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020
6:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fairchild called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Wen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: **Chair Fairchild**
 Member Johnson
 Member Rostovsky
 Member Samala
 Member Sanchez
 Member Wen

ABSENT: **Member Deaton**
 Member Monroy
 Vice Chair De La Cruz

ALSO PRESENT: **Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor**
 DeeA'na Saunders, Professional Support Specialist

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Approval of the agenda for the January 13, 2020 meeting was motioned by Member Wen, seconded by Member Johnson and approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the December 4, 2020 meeting minutes was motioned by Member Sanchez, seconded by Member Rostovsky and approved noting an abstention from Member Johnson.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. MEMBER COMMENTS

Member Wen wished all a happy new year. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of 4 trans-community members - Nikki Kuhnhausen, Vancouver WA; Yahira Nesby, Brooklyn NY; Lamont Perry, Washington DC; Dustin Parker, McAlester OK. Member Wen asked that the following items be

Dustin Parker, McAlester OK. Member Wen asked that the following items be included in next month's agenda:

- Nick Casey (community) organizing Queer Prom during National Fashion Week
- Trans Voter Empowerment Update by Michelle Dennis

- Reading of I Am Jazz, taking place February 27 by Welcoming Schools

Lastly, he spoke about the upcoming events and congratulated the Trans Chorus LA for their Pantene Commercial.

Member Samala spoke about the passing of friends.

Member Sanchez wished everyone a happy new year and thanked those who attended the BOOM New Year's Eve event. She mentioned that Safe WeHo will be hosting a Meth Townhall on Wednesday, February 12th. She shared that there will be an upcoming Narcan training. Lastly, she shared the Census Committee is launching their campaign on at the January 21st Council meeting.

Chair Fairchild sends condolences to those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Member Rostovsky wished everyone a happy new year and thanked the Board for their support and words of encouragement while dealing with the loss of his mentor.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8A. Transgender Awareness Month

The Board discussed events to be hosted in November. No action required.

Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor, informed the Board that the City accepted the late submittal of contracts from speakers at the Transgender Day of Remembrance event and payments are being processed. She also let the Board know that thank you cards were sent to the school and she is going to ask if TDOR 2020 can be held there.

8B. Transgender Visibility Month

The Board received an update from the subcommittee on March events. No action required.

Member Sanchez provided the Board with updates on the events scheduled for Transgender Visibility Month, which includes a kickoff event, the Trans Vagina Diaries readings, a Community Wellness Fair, Gender Diversity Training and the Transphobia Campaign Press Conference with both the Mayor of West Hollywood and the Mayor of Los Angeles.

Chair Fairchild would like to see a large turnout from Community youth.

Member Sanchez suggested direct appointees meet with their Councilmember.

8C. Pride 2020

The Board discussed any events that they would like to have hosted in June 2020.

Member Johnson explained why he would like to make sure the Trans Community represented at Pride 2020 through the return of the Friday night event that used to happen, which was free and open to the Community to kickoff Pride. He also challenged his fellow board members to think about the role the Board will play in Pride 2020, for both Trans Pride and CSW LA Pride.

Member Sanchez explained how the Board has contributed to Trans Pride in the past.

Member Johnson mentioned maybe the Pride events could be an opportunity for the Board to work on a media / art display for TDOR.

Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor, suggested the Board use Transgender Visibility Month events as a marketing tool for the art display.

Chair Fairchild would like to help prepare a survey for Community engagement to capture what type of resources they are interested in. She mentioned that she would help to translate the survey in Spanish.

Member Johnson shared he would like the survey to be a digital survey instead of paper survey.

Member Samala, supports the return of Friday night event, free to community. She suggested the Board go to CSW board meetings to make them include the Trans Community on their agenda. She also stressed the importance for representation INSIDE festival.

Member Sanchez agreed to do a writeup of the difficulties the Trans Community has in accessing Pride and its events. She also agreed to work on list of recommendations and to attend CSW board meetings

Staff does not recommend the Board going to CSW, but instead encouraged them to use the Council to have the contractual agreement include the Friday Night event.

Jaye, move that the Board recommend to City Council that there be a free Friday night event, trans stage and program, specifically designed for Trans Community, not combined with any other event. Insist as a support to trans community, discounted tickets for Pride. Second by Jacob.

Member Wen would like the motion to include a minimum amount of discounted tickets, starting at a minimum of 500 tickets.

Staff will ask that the Center provide space for the art project during Trans Pride.

Member Johnson requested that the Board think about a strategic plan for an exhibit for TDOR 2020 to have mixed media art on display throughout City for the entire month of November.

Member Wen suggested having a painting room and have people draw / paint and then display art in November at DOV events

Both Member Johnson and Member Sanchez did not think the painting idea would be able to be done for the Transgender Visibility Month events.

Member Sanchez also noted that the space at Trans Pride is too small and tight for a painting space, but, a selfie station (photo or video media) would be better.

Chair Fairchild supported the idea of a photobooth where people could do a story telling of their coming out experience.

Member Rostovsky shared the benefit of creating a social media movement of hashtags and then using them to gather the materials for production.

Member Johnson stressed the importance of a storyline noting that the Board does not have to worry about consent to use media.

Member Wen asked if WeHo TV will be able to play the media created during Transgender Awareness Month.

Staff informed the Board that there are places where free advertisement will be available in the City.

Member Johnson agreed to head the Art Installation Subcommittee for Transgender Day or Remembrance. Both Member Samala and Member Rostovsky signed up to serve on the subcommittee.

ACTION:

Approved the recommendation to City Council for a free exclusive Friday night event to include a trans stage and program, specifically designed for the Trans Community, to not be combined with any other event, and as a support to trans community, 1,000 discounted tickets for Pride events to be included in the contractual agreement between the City of West Hollywood and Christopher Street West for LA Pride 2020. **Motioned by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Rostovsky and approved unanimously.**

Approved to establish a subcommittee for an art installation for Transgender Day of Remembrance. **Motioned by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Rostovsky and approved unanimously.**

10. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Member Wen shared LGAB asked if TAB would attend their January 22nd meeting for, *His Story, Her Story, Their Story*, the history of the LGBTQ community in West Hollywood.

Member Samala reminded everyone of the trans voter empowerment event.

Member Sanchez shared there is a community organizer needed, specifically a Transwoman. She also shared that a legislative proposal she wrote to Assembly member Bloom's office is going to the next level.

Member Johnson wished everyone a happy new year. He also mentioned that this will be his last year on the Board, exiting after Transgender Day of Remembrance event.

Chair Fairchild was thankful for a wonderful meeting and informed the Board she will be gone to Washington, DC for a women's march this week.

Member Rostovsky shared that his trans health symposium is coming together nicely.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:10 PM to their next meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 6 PM at the City Hall, Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.



Transgender Advisory Board Chair



Staff Liaison

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