

**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2020
7 PM
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Co-Chair Robert Gamboa.

1. A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

John Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren Costine, Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Lucas Junkin, James Duke Mason, Alana Roshay, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Book, Jenny Ivanova.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda of Thursday, January 9, 2020. Motion by Board Member Costine, seconded by Board Member Deitch, and approved 10 to 0.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes for October 10, 2019, was deferred to the next meeting.

2. **ACTION.** Approval of the minutes for December 12, 2019. Motion by Board Member Wright, seconded by Co-Chair Roshay, and approved 8 to 0, with Board Members Frazier and Wright abstaining.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Erickson spoke about the upcoming performance of "The Vagina Monologues" on Feb. 17 at the City Council Chambers, in recognition of the 21st anniversary of the first V-Day.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Co-Chair Gamboa asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Efren Chacon. Board Member Frazier asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Silvio Horta.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD WORK PLAN

Members discussed the Work Plan for 2020, focusing on refining the goals set forward and identifying what specific steps can be taken toward accomplishing them. Among the topics were a Lesbian Visibility Day, a Gay City Fair or Community Mixer, sex trafficking education, doing a panel featuring a trans performer in drag, and including other identities such as pan.

The Advisory Board reiterated that the position of Youth Representative is open and asked for the City to publicize the opportunity with a press release.

Board Member Costine moved to accept the Work Plan as amended. This was seconded by Board Member Junkin and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

B. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Board Member Mason moved to create a Committee on the Future. This was seconded by Board Member Costine and unanimously approved by roll-call vote.

Board Member Wright will work with staff on recognizing Lesbian Visibility Day in April.

Board Members Francesca, Junkin, Whitaker, and Frazier will work on the Rainbow Junction idea.

Co-Chair Gamboa moved to create a Legislative Committee. This was seconded by Board Member Deitch and unanimously approved. Co-Chair Gamboa and Board Members Deitch and Wright will work on this committee.

Members of the Etheridge Award Committee are Co-Chair Roshay and Board Members Costine, Deitch, and Whitaker.

A Bi Visibility Committee was moved by Board Member Wright. This was seconded by Co-Chair Gamboa and unanimously adopted. Board Member Wright will lead this committee, with Board Member Whitaker participating in the future, and Co-Chair Gamboa assisting.

A committee to create a Community Forum in cooperation with the Transgender Advisory Board was moved by Co-Chair Gamboa. This was seconded by Board Member Mason and unanimously approved. Co-Chair Gamboa will lead this committee, with Board Members Junkin and Wright providing help.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020 RAINBOW KEY AWARDS AND ETHERIDGE AWARD SCHEDULE

Staff said that Wednesday, May 20, is being held at the Council Chambers for the Rainbow Key event. The Advisory Board adopted a schedule calling for nominations to be made by February 27, with the Advisory Board making its recommendations on March 12, and presenting this to City Council on April 6.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff provided information on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and the clothing drive.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carrie Balboa, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, spoke about when to call 911 and when to call the Sheriff's business number (310-855-8850), which everyone should have with them. Block by Block can be reached by text to 323-821-8604.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Board Member Wright will continue as liaison to Transgender Advisory Board but will not continue as liaison to Women's Advisory Board.

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Deitch congratulated Jenny Ivanova on being the City's Employee of the Year.

Board Member Mason asked if there were any updates regarding the Pulse memorial and participation in streetscape planning, and staff said there were not yet updates.

Board Member Frazier said there will be a Bowling for Angels event to benefit Project Angel Food, on March 15, 2020, at the Pinz Bowling Center in Studio City. Further information is online at angelfood.org.

Board Member Junkin complimented the co-chairs on the timeliness of the meeting. Co-Chair Gamboa thanked the Board for their work and said that the #BOOM! New Year's Eve event had been very successful and exciting.

Co-Chair Roshay also praised the #BOOM! event.

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9. **ADJOURNMENT:** In memory of Efren Chacon and Silvio Horta, the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board was adjourned at 8:53 pm to its next regular meeting, to be held Thursday, February 13, 2020, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the First-Floor Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

Robert Gamboa
Co-Chair

Attest:

JrBook
Secretary