

**TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SYNOPSIS
WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2020
6:00 PM
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Fairchild called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chair Fairchild led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: **Vice Chair De La Cruz
Member Rostovsky
Member Samala
Member Sanchez
Member Wen
Member Monroy
Member Deaton
Chair Fairchild**

ABSENT: **Member Johnson**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the Agenda of Wednesday March 4, 2020, **Motioned by Member Sanchez to approve the March 4, 2020 Agenda, seconded by Member De La Cruz and approved.**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board approved the minutes of February 5, 2020. **Motioned by Member Deaton, seconded by Member Rostovsky noting an amendment to printed version for Member Wen member comments.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.
7. **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Member Wen shared his support of a council item, “Statute of Equality.” Member Wen also shared events he attended since the last meeting. Lastly, he requested

a mental health forum be added on the next agenda.

Member Sanchez wished everyone a happy trans visibility month and thanked everyone for their work in the community. She requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Camila Maria Concepcion, community member and friend. Lastly, she requested the Board to do work around social services advocacy, centered around suicide prevention.

Member Samala sent her condolences to the family and friends of Camila Maria Concepcion.

Vice Chair De La Cruz wished everyone a happy trans visibility month. She also sent condolences to the family and friends of Camila Maria Concepcion.

Member Rostovsky wished everyone a Happy Trans Visibility Month. He shared a request for trans/nonbinary members to assist in a dissertation interview for a UC Irvine graduate student.

Member Deaton sent her love to Board Members and wished Member Johnson well. She thanked Staff for their support to the Board and the Board for their love and support.

Chair Fairchild thanked the Board for their love, wished Member Monroy well. She also seconded the need for social services for Community members.

Member Monroy shared she resigned from her position with Bienestar and is now with St. Johns. She also stressed the importance of mental health and called on the Board to remember those who have passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.A. Transgender Awareness Month

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board received and provided input on Transgender Awareness Month. No action required.

Staff provided the Board with an update on current Transgender Awareness Month events.

The Board discussed details of the RFP including language to encourage organizations that service the Community to apply.

8.B. Transgender Visibility Month

SUBJECT: Board received an update from the subcommittee on March events.

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board received an update from the Subcommittee on TransVisibility Month events and provided input. No action required.

Staff provided a brief update from the Subcommittee meeting highlighting events for Transgender Visibility Month. Staff stated there is a March 31st event at the Gateway Plaza collaboration between Mayor of City of West Hollywood and LA City Mayor which will have giveaways, TAB flyers, TransPride and Transgender Awareness Month save-the-date. Staff also shared that Trans Can Work will be doing trainings with businesses in the City of West Hollywood.

Staff reminded the Board that all things are tentative at this point due to the pandemic.

Member Deaton explained the details of the kickoff event for Transgender Visibility Month, *TransVagina Diaries*, which she created. She thanked the City for the work they do in favor of the Transgender Community.

8.C. Pride 2020 (45 mins)

ACTION: The Transgender Advisory Board received an update on Pride 2020 transgender events and provided input on what TAB is planning for Pride. No action required.

Alexandra Magallon, CSW LA Pride, spoke to the Board about transgender programs / events that are scheduled for LA Pride 2020.

Chair Fairchild shared Community concerns with Trans events that were hosted in the past and asked what CSW has planned to prevent these issues from happening again.

Members discussed the importance of collaborating with professionals to assist with the production of events.

Member Sanchez encouraged CSW to reach out to the Board if they need any assistance with events.

Member Samala inquired about the friendliness of events for youth and their families, under the age of 21.

Member Wen asked about submitting talent suggestions to CSW and about security staffing.

Member Rostovsky mentioned that he would be spearheading a Pride Friday night event for the Transgender Community.

The Board discussed different ways they could assist CSW with the production of LA Pride 2020 as events relate to the Transgender Community.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff provided the Board with information from Hernan and his work on the resolution for SB3228. Staff also shared updates on the Transgender March on Washington, 2020.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

11. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Wen mentioned he received an email from Chicago Pride requesting TAB support. He requested staff to put National TransVisibility March as ongoing agenda item. He shared upcoming events and meetings. Lastly, Member Wen asked we adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of PR trans woman

Member Sanchez shared upcoming events before next TAB meeting. Lastly, she mentioned she was nominated, and won, Adam Schiff's Woman of the Year Award.

Member Samala congratulated Member Sanchez.

Member Rostovsky gave a special shout out to Member Deaton for all her work for TransVagina Diaries and welcomed Member Monroy back. Lastly, he reiterated the importance of mental health support.

Member Deaton shared March on Washington details and how TAB can help with funding and do an Action Day.

Chair Fairchild thanked the Board for their hard work.

- 12. ADJOURNMENT:** The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:34 PM to a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 beginning at 6 PM at West Hollywood City Hall – Community Meeting Room, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

Madison Fairchild

Bonnie Smith

Transgender Advisory Board Chair

Staff Liaison

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