

**LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SPECIAL MEETING
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Co-Chair Gamboa called the meeting to order at 7pm.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Member Billy Francesca led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Lauren D. Costine, James Duke Mason

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Jenny Ivanova

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the Agenda of Thursday, October 8, 2020. Motion by Board Member Frazier, Second by Co-Chair Roshay, and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of February 13, 2020. Motion by Co-Chair Roshay, seconded by Board Member Deitch, and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlos Sosa, Executive Director of The C.I.T.Y.x1 Youth Group, thanked the Advisory Board for their support over the last 15 years and asked the Board to consider co-sponsoring C.I.T.Y. x1's 18th Annual Big Feast Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner, which will take place on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

F. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Francesca made a motion to place support for C.I.T.Y.x1 Youth Group's "The Big Feast" on the next agenda, seconded by Board Member Deitch and unanimously carried.

Board Member Deitch thanked Madonna Cacciatore and Estevan

Montemayoron for all their hard work associated with LA Pride.

Board Member Frazier asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those who lost their battle with COVID-19 as well as Trans members of the community who have lost their lives due to acts of violence. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Board Member Wright encouraged everyone to vote and asked to adjourn in memory of John Lewis, Breonna Taylor, and Chadwick Bozeman.

Co-Chair Gamboa welcomed everyone back, echoed Board Member Frazier's sentiment on adjournment in memory of all the community members that we lost to COVID as well as everyone we lost to injustice.

Co-Chair Roshay asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Jonathan Pryce who was murdered by police brutality in Texas, and the two black trans women Felicia Harris and Erin Burnett who were murdered. Co-Chair Roshay thanked Michelle for bringing up Daniela Hernandez's name, a transgender woman of color who was stabbed this past Sunday at MacArthur Park, and asked if the board can uplift Daniela's name in this meeting.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND QUEER WOMEN'S COLLABORATIVE

SUBJECT: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a staff item on the work of the Los Angeles County Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women's Health Collaborative.

ACTION: Received and filed.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. UPDATE ON THE UTILIZATION OF WEST HOLLYWOOD EMERGENCY FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SUBJECT: David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an overview of the City's emergency support programs and detailed the emergency funding allocations in response to COVID-19 since declaration of a local emergency on March 16, 2020 as approved by City Council.

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board discussed the funding in response to COVID-19 and asked questions.

ACTION: Received and filed.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2021 TRANSGENDER ARTS INITIATIVE AND ONE CITY ONE PRIDE GRANT REVIEW

SUBJECT: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a presentation from Michael Che, Arts Coordinator, on the 2021 Transgender Arts Initiative Grant and One City One Pride Arts Grant applications.

Mr. Che asked the Board to consider electing one representative to join the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

ACTION: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board Elected Board Member Frazier to represent the board by joining the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee. Motion by Co-Chair Gamboa, seconded by Board Member Junkin and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SUBJECT: The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board elected Co-Chairs for the term ending July 2021.

ACTION: The floor was opened for nominations for Female Co-Chair for 2020-2021. Board Member Gamboa nominated Board Member Wright. There were no other nominations. This was seconded by Board Member Roshay and unanimously adopted 8 to 0 by roll call vote. Staff declared Zekiah N. Wright, Esq. elected.

The floor was opened for nominations for Male Co-Chair for 2020-2021. Board Member Junkin nominated Board Member Gamboa. There were no other nominations. This was seconded by Board Member Roshay and unanimously adopted 8 to 0 by roll call vote. Staff declared Robert Gamboa elected.

5. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR:

There were no items on Excluded Consent Calendar.

6. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, updated the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board on their current Liaison Assignments. Mr. Giugni addressed the board regarding their concern on how racial justice issues were being addressed. He stated that an item has been placed on the next City Council agenda by Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman for the City Council to consider directing staff to perform an analysis of social services needs of people of color in West Hollywood, specifically focusing on health disparities and identifying gaps in services. Mr. Giugni shared that the City hopes to fill Jeff

Book's old position which may lead to some changes in LGAB staffing.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A. LIAISON REPORTS

None

B. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Co-Chair Roshay made a motion to place the Work Plan on the November agenda, seconded by Co-Chair Gamboa and unanimously carried.

Board Member Junkin motioned to allow for an emergency vote to approve co-sponsoring C.I.T.Y.x1 Youth Group's "The Big Feast" for 2020 if the City has allocated funding, seconded by Board Member Frazier, and approved 8 to 0 by roll call vote.

Board Member Whitaker supported adding the Board's Work Plan to next month's agenda. She shared that she was looking forward to restructuring and prioritizing their Work Plan to make a bigger impact.

Board Member Frazier thanked Co-chair Roshay for her service and congratulated new Co-Chair Wright. He asked staff to provide an update on homelessness within City of West Hollywood with the eviction moratorium ending. He asked how the City was supporting Gay owned businesses and shared the importance of supporting business during the pandemic.

Board Member Deitch wanted to take note that the Community College system of Los Angeles voted to protect their LGBTQAI students, staff, and facility. She thanked Co-Chair Roshay for her service.

Board Member Junkin shared that the world was changing, and the City of West Hollywood bar scene may look different after the pandemic. He voiced the importance of making changes to the Board's Work Plan to match current community needs.

Co-Chair Gamboa shared that Jeff Book retired. He encouraged the Board to review their Work Plan in depth. He shared that National Coming Out Day was on October 11, 2020, as well as National Lesbian Day was today.

Co-Chair Wright thanked Board Member Roshay for her work and tenacity, resilience and passion representing the board last year. She hopes to continue to follow in her footsteps. She asked staff for the definition of POC the City is using in the report that Mayor Pro Tempore Heilman is taking to Council. She asked staff

to provide information on the percentage of non-white individuals that live in West Hollywood. Lastly, Co-Chair Wright shared that next month will be Trans Day of Remembrance. She will share additional information next month and invited the Board to participate.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

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Robert Gamboa

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Co-Chair

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