

**MINUTES
LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MEETING
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021
7:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board Member Whitaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER

Council Member Sepi Shyne swore in Alex Paris as a member of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lauren D. Costine, Marna Deitch, Billy Francesca, Jason Frazier, Robert Gamboa, Lucas Junkin, Alex Paris, Sarah Whitaker, Zekiah N. Wright, Esq.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Hernan Molina, Dr. Aaron Celious, Danny Casillas

D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Move item 4.A. to after Item 3.A. and approve the Agenda of Thursday, January 14, 2021 as amended. Motion by Board Member Frazier, Second by Board Member Francesca, and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 10, 2020. Motion by Board Member Dietch, Second by Co-Chair Gamboa, and approved 6 Aye and 3 Abstention by roll call vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Kozlovich, Los Angeles, spoke about the impact of tobacco products on the sexual minority community.

3. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Erickson addressed the Board and welcomed Board Member Paris.

Board Member Paris thanked Council Member Sepi Shyne and the Board.

Board Member Deitch acknowledged the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol and the turmoil of the past four years.

Board Member Whitaker welcomed Board Member Paris.

Board Member Frazier welcomed Board Member Paris and requested the Board to adjourn in memory of Officer Brian Sicknick, who was killed during the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Co-Chair Gamboa asked to adjourn in memory of all the community members that we lost to COVID in the last month. He encouraged the Board to be advocates and welcomed Board Member Paris.

Board Member Costine welcomed Board Member Paris and acknowledged the insurrection, turmoil of the past four years and loss with Covid-19. She also thanked Shannon Kozlovich for speaking about the impact of tobacco products on the sexual minority community.

Board Member Junkin welcomed Board Member Paris and spoke about preserving gathering spaces for the Gay Community.

Co-Chair Wright announced their partner's birthday.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received the City of West Hollywood's Social Media Policy for their review.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. 2021-2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report on the City of West Hollywood's Legislative Priorities 2021-2022 regular session of the California State Legislature from Hernan Molina.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. HIV ZERO INITIATIVE YEAR FOUR EVALUATION REPORT

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board received a report and presentation on the HIV Zero Year Four Evaluation from Dr. Aaron Celious.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B. 2021 WORKPLAN

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board continued discussions to prepare the upcoming 2021 Workplan with updates.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

B. LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD 2021 MEETING DATES

The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board reviewed the proposed 2021 meeting dates. The November 11, 2021 meeting date will have to be changed.

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 The Rainbow Key Awards nominations and gave an update on the utilization of West Hollywood Emergency Funds in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

8. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

A. LIAISON REPORTS

Co-Chair Gamboa gave a summary of the last meeting of the Transgender Advisory Board.

Board Member Whitaker gave a summary of the last meeting of the Human Services Commission.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

C. OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Paris spoke about why he wants to serve on the Board.

Board Member Junkin made a motion to place preserving gathering spaces for the Gay Community on a future agenda, 2nd: Costine. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Board Member Deitch asked the Board to remember specifically Lesbian gathering spaces that have been lost, even before the pandemic.

Board Member Francesca welcomed Board Member Paris.

Board Member Frazier welcomed Board Member Paris and informed the board that Project Angel Food is hiring.

Co-Chair Gamboa announced that the Los Angeles LGBT Center is in need of volunteers for their Pride Pantry Program. He also said the Legislative Subcommittee will send updates via email.


Co-Chair Wright made a motion to place an item geared at increasing visibility of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board on a future agenda.

2nd: Deitch

Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Capitol Officer Brian Sicknick and all the community members that we lost to COVID-19 in the last month at 9:09 p.m. to its next regular meeting, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2021, via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE LESBIAN AND GAY ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 11TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021

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CO-Chair _____

ATTEST:

Danny Casillas
Secretary