

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

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

**PRESENT:** Chair Alexander, Board Boardmembers Brown, Luna, Nash, Ruiz, and Samala.

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Robinson, Board member Gray.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Larissa Fooks and Tatiana Rodzinek

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Boardmember Samala to approve the October 6, 2021, Agenda, which was seconded by Boardmember Nash, and unanimously approved.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Boardmember Nash, to approve the minutes of September 1, 2021, which was seconded by Boardmember Samala, and unanimously approved.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Queen Shannon, the Office Coordinator and Peer Navigator for Unique Women's Coalition, spoke regarding their 21st Trans Giving Dinner and food drive for non-binary and trans community and asked for support from the City. Queen Shannon also spoke about the Unique Women's Coalition's Transgender Day of Remembrance and suggested potential collaboration/alignment with the City's event, specifically to stream each other's events.

Renee Sotile, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Boardmember, thanked TAB members for their support of domestic violence and intimate partner violence awareness efforts and invited Boardmembers to the LGAB's upcoming meeting on October 14, where representatives of Sheriff and Public Safety Departments will answer questions on domestic violence protocols.

## **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.A. MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD BOARDMEMBERS**

The Transgender Advisory Board discussed creating a mentorship program for prospective TAB member and the importance of its purpose.

#### **ACTION:**

Boardmember Ruiz made a motion that the Transgender Advisory Board begin work on a mentorship program for prospective boardmembers from the transgender nonbinary community. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Brown and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Boardmember Ruiz will provide a written description/outline of the program for review next month.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9.A. 2021 TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE (TDOR)**

The Transgender Advisory Board received an update from the 2021 TDOR Ad-Hoc Working Group on the ideas being considered for this annual event.

Boardmember Nash confirmed musical artist LZ Love as a participant and spoke about consideration of Sabel Samone-Loreca as the MC/host for the event.

Boardmember Luna spoke about connecting with Unique Women's Coalition in the effort to support each other's respective TDOR events. The Board revisited discussion on whether to partner directly with organizations for this year's TDOR event as well as ways to support other TDOR events and the activities of other transgender organizations in general.

#### **ACTION**

Boardmember Ruiz made a motion to create a Transgender Advisory Board Calendar in which community organizations can submit events that can be announced at the Board's monthly meetings. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Brown and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **9.B. TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN**

The Transgender Advisory Board continued its discussion of goals to be included in the work plan: Trans Pride; Community Engagement with West Hollywood stakeholders; Mentorship Program for Prospective Boardmembers; Safety; Coordinate a Transgender Community Townhall; Restorative Justice and Mental Health for DUI's.

#### **ACTION**

Boardmember Luna made a motion to make a standing item on the Board's agenda about the engagement of West Hollywood residents and constituents, so

that the Board can engage monthly. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Ruiz and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Board Boardmember Ruiz made a motion to table the discussion on the mission statement until the next meeting and for everyone to bring back their suggestions. The motion was seconded by Boardmember Luna. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

#### 10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff reported about the recent action by the City Council regarding the creation of a LGBTQA+ Commission. Staff thanked Boardmembers for participating in the City Council presentation for Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month, acknowledged the work of the joint LGAB/TAB/WAB DV/IPV subcommittee and referred everyone to the new weho.org/lgbtq landing page on the City's website.

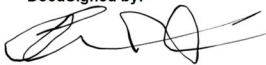
#### 11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Ruiz spoke about hosting a name and gender petition clinic, which had a tremendous success with over 100 participants and demonstrated the need in the community. Boardmember Ruiz asked if anyone would like to volunteer at future monthly clinics.

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourn at 7:41p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on November 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via Teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
ON THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021

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Luckie Alexander, Chair

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Tatiana Rodzinek, Recording Secretary