

**MINUTES
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 3, 2022
6:00 PM
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 6:05p m.

A. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** –Chair Nash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Nash, Vice-Chair Ruiz, Board Member Kacy, Board Member Luna, Board Member Samala, Member Alexander

ABSENT: Board Member Gray, Board Member Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: Yvonne Quarker, Community Services Director, Andi Lovano, Community and Legislative Affairs Manager, Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary.

D. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 3, 2022, MEETING AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to move by Board Member Ruiz, seconded by Member Kacy, and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

E. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 6, 2022, MINUTES

ACTION: Motion to move by Board Member Kacy, seconded by Board Member Ruiz, and approved 7 to 0 by roll call vote.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Joint Study Session Update**

The Board received an update from staff on the planning of the joint Study Session.

Andi Lovano, CLA Manager, provided a brief update on the joint study session with the LGBTQ advisory board, WAB and Public Safety Commission representatives along with the City Council has been rescheduled for August 22. Andi also informed the board that the City Council gave direction for staff to organize a few drink spiking test strip

distribution events at the bars, restaurants and to distribute the strips to the businesses and to customers. The first event will take place before the study session, so Andi encouraged anybody interested in coming early to participate. Andi also said that staff will be sending out a press release the week before, to make sure that the community is aware of the distribution event and the study session. The study session will be in person and will be broadcast and recorded. Members Luna and Alexander volunteered to participate in the event.

ACTION: No action taken.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transgender Day of Remembrance

The Board began to plan the Transgender Day of Remembrance for Sunday, November 20th, 2022, and created a subcommittee to work with staff to plan the event.

Chair Nash opened discussion regarding the event.

Member Brown asked if the event will be in person or virtual.

Andi Lovano responded that the board could decide whether the event will be in person or virtual.

Andi Lovano informed the board that at the last City Council meeting on Monday, the City Council approved the co-sponsorship for the Trans Vagina Diaries. The event is going to take place November 5-6, which is going to be a part of the city's transgender Awareness Month activities. The city will have the Transgender Pride flags, and the City Hall will be lit up as well as the lanterns will be lit in the colors of the Trans Pride flag.

Member Brown suggested live streaming of the event. Member Nash said that he would prefer an in-person event.

Vice Chair Ruiz spoke about visual representation of the event that can continue every year. For example, a clothing line with people's names on the items. And every year, we just add another line to continue. Vice Chair Ruiz also suggested that the board adds a cultural representation to TDOR. Vice Chair Ruiz agreed to be on the subcommittee and bring more ideas on the piece of visual art.

Member Kacy would like to participate in the subcommittee and suggested that a ritual element should be added to the TDOR programming.

Vice Chair Ruiz suggested that the board should bring mental health referrals and services that are local so that they can tie people to various services at the event.

Member Alexander spoke about the ways of memorializing the ones that we lost.

Member Samala talked about the march and the reading of the names.

Member Brown talked about a hybrid and two-day event and her vision of the event.

Andy Lovano reminded the board that a hybrid event can only be done in Council Chambers, which is technologically equipped for this kind of events, because from council chambers the event can be live streamed on the home TV cable channel and directly to our YouTube channel , so people

can watch what's happening. The event cannot be live streamed from the auto court.

Member Luna proposed a Job Fair event.

Yvonne Quarker suggested to add discussion of the event to the next meeting agenda

Member Brown reminded the board about collaboration with other agencies in preparation for the event

Chair Nash suggested that the board should send invitations to other organizations inviting them to participate.

ACTION:

1. Reviewed and discussed the upcoming 2022 Transgender Day of Remembrance.
2. Voted to have a hybrid event. Motion passed by a roll call vote.
3. Voted to hold the event in Council Chambers. Motion passed by a roll call vote.
4. Created a subcommittee of three TAB Board Members to work with staff on this year's Transgender Day of Remembrance event. Chair Nash, Vice Chair Ruiz, Member Alexander. Motion passed by a roll call vote. Appointed members of the subcommittee will report back to the full Advisory Board on the planning progress at an upcoming meeting.

B. Status Report On Board Recommendations

The Board received updates from staff regarding the status of their recent recommendations and details about how recommendations move forward after the Board take actions.

Andi Lovano provided update on the Safety Townhall, which will take place on August 22. Members Luna and Brown confirmed their attendance at the Townhall to represent TAB.

ACTION: No action taken.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Vice Chair Ruiz spoke about transgender resource manual and would like to connect with the Social Services Division and have their presentation to educate the board members on existing programs. Vice Chair Ruiz also talked about Resource Fair and Trans Pride, something that will be associated with Trans Day of liberation or action and will raise awareness.

Member Luna suggested that staff should put on the next meeting agenda the potential job fair, pending a discussion with city staff. And an update on the City Town Hall.

Member Brown suggested that in addition to other events that are being planned, the board should have a fun day for the Trans Community.

Vice Chair Ruiz reminded the board that it would be beneficial to have a master calendar where people from Trans and LGBTQ organizations can submit their calendar so that we can have it posted.

Board member Luna informed the board that Trans Joy Day has already been created and suggested that the board should work with local artists in

the future.

Andi Lovano summarized the items that the board members would like to see on the next meeting agenda.

1. A new event celebrating Trans Joy.
2. Trans Pride.
3. Organizing a resource or job fair, and discussion on the next steps.
4. A recap of the joint study session/next steps, which could include the potential discussion of a town hall, and a standing item on the agenda with some events in the community, and about what organizations should be reach out to.

6. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

There were no additional items from staff

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:24 PM to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to be held at rooms via teleconference

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Shane Nash, Chair

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Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary