

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

**Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6  
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard  
West Hollywood, CA 90046**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 6:09pm.

A. Land Acknowledgment – Vice-Chair Ruiz

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B. Pledge of Allegiance – Boardmember Kacy

*“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

C. Roll Call

Present: Chair Nash, Vice-Chair Ruiz, Boardmember Brown, Boardmember Fuller, Boardmember Luna, Boardmember Samala, Boardmember Gray, and Boardmember Kacy.

Absent: Boardmember Robinson

D. Approval of the October 5, 2022 Meeting Agenda

The Board is requested to approve the October 5, 2022 Meeting Agenda as posted.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve agenda and move agenda item 3.A to be discussed after public comment and unfinished business by Vice-Chair Ruiz and seconded by Boardmember Alexander.

E. Approval of the September 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Board is requested to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion to move by Boardmember Alexander and seconded by Boardmember Kacy and approved.

F. Public Comment

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Miss Tiger commended Chair Nash for his comments during the October 3, 2022 City Council meeting. Miss Tiger also expressed frustration that the recent LGBTQ+ Commission item scheduled to be heard at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting, was not discussed during the meeting and instead moved to consent. Miss Tiger also expressed frustration with the pay equity in relation to the Drag Laureate program, as well as concerns that the LGBTQ+ community was not included in the conversations about WeHo Pride.

Jackie Steele, former Co-Chair of the LGBTQ+ Commission and current Public Safety Commissioner thanked Shane for his comments during the October 3, 2022 Council meeting and expressed frustration that the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board was not given the opportunity to participate in a discussion about their transition to a Commission and WeHo Pride. Jackie also expressed frustration about what occurred at the September Public Safety Commission meeting.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Trans Joy Planning

The Board discussed preliminary planning for a Trans Joy event, in collaboration with Mars, FLUX, Connie Norman scheduled for April 2023. Boardmember Luna asked the TAB how they wanted to proceed and if they were interested in extending another invitation to Mars or if the Board was open to planning their own Trans Joy event.

Vice-Chair Ruiz suggested scheduling a date in between TDOR and TDOV either in late July or August and suggested setting up a subcommittee to discuss planning for the event.

Boardmember Brown suggested extending an additional invitation to Mars.

**ACTION:** Motion to create a subcommittee to discuss planning for the Trans Joy event second by Boardmember Alexander and approved.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Boardmember Alexander, Boardmember Kacy and Boardmember Brown to the Trans Joy Planning subcommittee by Vice-Chair Ruiz and seconded by Boardmember Alexander.

B. Trans Resource Fair Planning

The Transgender Advisory Board will discuss preliminary planning for a Trans Resource Fair in 2023

Boardmember Luna suggested changing the name from a Resource Fair to a Job Fair or planning two separate events.

Boardmember Alexander suggested scheduling the Resource Fair before the Job Fair so Trans folk receive the necessary resources to be successful in landing a job.

Vice-Chair Ruiz asked Boardmember Luna and Boardmember Alexander how many trans folk were hired at the LA Job fair and encouraged the Board wants to think about providing a broad array of jobs and careers for their event.

Boardmember Brown asked the Board to not place boundaries on the types of jobs that Trans folk may or may not be interested in for the job fair.

Boardmember Alexander suggested coordinating a needs assessment to the Transgender community to gauge needs.

Boardmember Kacy agreed with staff and asked if the Board was planning to participate with other organizations in the planning of the event

ACTION: Motion to establish an Ad-Hoc subcommittee to begin planning for the resource and job fair by Chair Nash, seconded Boardmember Alexander and approved.

Motion to appoint Boardmember Luna, and Boardmember Gray to the subcommittee by Nash, second by Alexander.

C. Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) Event Update – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

The Transgender Advisory Board will receive an updated form the Subcommittee and Staff on TDOR planning.

Chair Nash provided an update about the Transgender and asked the Board about community-based organizations that were open to collaborating with the Board to plan the Transgender Day of Remembrance. Looking to have the event at Council Chambers and is planned to be streamed on WeHo TV.

Vice-Chair Nash provided updates to the Board about the Dia de los Muertos alters and will update the Board once she receives updates.

Boardmember Luna asked if speakers have been identified and Chair Nash informed the Board that we were waiting for the CBO's. Moya will provide budget

for event at future meeting. Also asked if organizations could provide food, or dinner for the event. Suggested that the Board collaborate with the Unique Women's Coalition – Transgiving.

Yvonne said she'll follow-up with the Board on how organizations can provide food or dinner.

**ACTION:** Motion to include Boardmember Kacy to the TDOR Planning Subcommittee by Chair Nash and seconded by Boardmember Alexander and approved.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

A. St. Johns Community Health – *heard after public comment and before item 2A.*

The Transgender Advisory Board received a presentation from St. John's Community Health on how to report hate crimes and hate incidents.

B. Talking Points to City Council

The Board discussed creating a set of Board-approved talking points to use in discussion with City Councilmembers regarding nighttime safety.

Boardmember Luna encouraged the Board to think beyond training for the Sheriff's Department and suggested creating a formal process for officers/deputies who are discriminatory against members of the transgender community that includes a policy and third-party oversight committee or body. Boardmember Luna also suggested paying these organizations to do this work.

Boardmember Alexander agreed with Boardmember Luna and also expressed the need to provide training and updates to Sheriff's policies so that any officer or deputy that discriminates against members of the Trans community or anyone within the West Hollywood community faces consequences. Boardmember Alexander also asked why the City of West Hollywood doesn't look into forming their own Police Department.

Community Services Director, Yvonne Quaker, informed the Board that the City Manager reported at Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that there will e Feasibility study of City having it's own police department

Boardmember Brown encouraged the Board to focus and highlight needs for the Trans community because the experiences and needs are different from the Cis community. Boardmember Brown also expressed the need to establish consequences instead of just training.

Vice-Chair Ruiz expressed frustration with the position the TAB members have been put in in trying to affect positive change for the Trans Community in West Hollywood. Town Hall meeting for the Trans-community. Trans

person in politics, supporting trans-owned business in WeHo, and push for more Trans representation on Council and in decision-making positions in West Hollywood.

**ACTION:** Motion to extend the meeting to 8:20 pm by Chair Nash, seconded by Boardmember Alexander and approved.

**Boardmember Kacy** asked about follow-up about the Community and Well-Being Strategy meetings

**Chair Nash** suggested working with the business license commission to start invoking punishments or consequences for businesses that have a pattern of certain incidents occurring at their businesses.

**Yvonne Quarker** also informed the board that the notes from the nighttime safety meeting will be available for the TAB in November so they can make suggestions and suggest that the Board decide then to schedule a Town Hall or additional meeting.

Vice-Chair Ruiz commented that the Board's agency continues to be stripped away and doesn't feel like they are being acknowledged.

C. 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.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Jackie Steele – Recently met with the Head of Policy Accountability in the City of San Francisco – they would provide police accountability, services, and resources. Provided an update on test drinking strips and how they can be disseminated to businesses. Suggested that the Board has a Trans roundtable with the Sheriff Villanueva and encouraged the Board to support the non-binary candidate running for Council.

Miss Tiger – Asked the Board to expand on the reporting of hate crimes and thanked Boardmember Alexander about his question about the statute of limitations for hate crimes. Also brought up the importance of highlighting the issue of LGBTQIA+ on LGBTQIA+ hate crime related incidents. Miss Tiger also shared with the Board that the LGBTQ+ Advisory Board has also experienced the same issues and concerns with their agency being stripped, and things just not getting done. Encouraged the Board to pay attention to who is on the City Council. Suggest the idea of a joint town hall between the TAB and LGBTQ+ Advisory Board.

Motion by Chair Nash to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, seconded by Boardmember Alexander, and approved

Boardmember Kacy left the meeting at 8:35pm

## 5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Brown extended an apology to Boardmember Luna and Boardmember Gray and informed the Board about the National Transgender Visibility March at the end of October. Jasmine will work with Moya to disseminate information about the event to the Board.

Boardmember Alexander said he supports Boardmember Blossom and acknowledged his daughter's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Vice-Chair Ruiz expressed frustration with having a parade but not receiving necessary support and resources from the City on other projects and initiatives, recognized Yom Kippur, expressed appreciation for her fellow boardmembers, and asked the board to take a picture after the meeting. Include Intersex, Non-binary, two-spirit folks in the naming of the Transgender Advisory Board.

Motion to include on future agenda by Vice-Chair Ruiz to include members of the community that have been erased

Boardmember Luna thanked the Board, staff, members of the community and asked staff if they would be able to get a key to the individual restroom in Plummer Park, and recognized that today is a day of Atonement.

Chair Nash asked staff to get clarification on why business names were removed from the report and recognized Yom Kippur.

## 6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 8:56 pm to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 6:00p.m. to be held in-person at West Hollywood Plummer Park, Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

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Shane Nash, Chair

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