

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
TRANSGENDER ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard  
West Hollywood, California 90069**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Nash called the meeting to order at 6:25pm.

A. Land Acknowledgment –Chair Nash

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B. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Nash

*“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 Samala, Boardmember Alexander, and Boardmember Kacy.

Absent: Boardmember Gray, Boardmember Robinson, Boardmember Luna.

Also present: Moya Marquez, Community Programs Coordinator and TAB Liaison, Andi Lovano, CLA Manager, and Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary.

**D. Approval of the April 5, 2023 Meeting Agenda**

The Board was requested to approve the April 5, 2023, Meeting Agenda as posted.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve agenda by Boardmember Samala and seconded by Boardmember Alexander. Motion passed.

**E. Approval of the February 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The Board was requested to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes.

Member Kacy made corrections to the Trans Joy event title

**ACTION:** Motion to approve with corrections by **Boardmember Alexander** and seconded by **Boardmember Kacy** and approved 5 to 0 by roll call vote.

**F. Public Comment**

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Karen Eyres, newly appointed Human Services Commissioner, West Hollywood Resident spoke about the Foundation for Aids Memorial Event. Karen Eyres asked TAB to consider endorsing an event for Friends of the AIDS Monument at the next meeting.

**2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Trans Day of Visibility**

The Board reviewed the Trans Day of Visibility efforts of the City. The Board members debriefed on the lighting of the lanterns and City Hall in trans flag colors, flying the trans flag, placing ads on the bus shelters, and creating a PowerPoint presentation on the website celebrating local and national trans leaders. The Board was very pleased with the efforts and thanked staff for their work.

**ACTION: No action taken.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. WeHo Pride**

The Board discussed how it wishes to participate in this year's WeHo Pride Festival, to be held in WeHo Park, Friday, June 2 – Sunday, June 4, 2023. **Boardmember Brown** spoke about last year's event. Member Brown spoke about the safety concerns around the booth. Member Brown also talked about additional materials that can be available at the booth.

**Member Alexander** spoke about the swag and how the board members can create a space that is safe for the trans community

**Vice Chair Ruiz** entered the meeting at 6:50 PM

**Member Alexander** also talked about the attendance of the board members and encouraged members to participate.

**Boardmember Kacy** also talked about the attendance of the board members and their involvement.

**Member Brown** talked about volunteers for the event and would like to get community volunteers to participate.

**Boardmember Kacy** asked for security ambassador presence

**Member Samala** talked about volunteer booth.

**Vice-chair Ruiz** talked about staffing the booth. Spoke about the interaction with the public and expressed concern regarding volunteers who will not be trained to interact with the trans community.

**Boardmember Alexander** talked about the training for volunteers.

**Vice-Chair Ruiz** talked about the number of people who will be involved in staffing the booth and the approach to bringing volunteers to the event. They expressed the opinion that if not enough members are able to staff the booth, they will need to shorten the time to one day only.

**Chair Nash** spoke about the location of the booth, signage, and advertising.

**Member Brown** spoke about the visibility and emphasized that it is important for the community to be there all the time and encouraged to maneuver and make it happen. Member Brown also encouraged members to bring new and old members of the board to the event.

**Board member Alexander** spoke about volunteers and security and incidents in the past.

**Vice-Chair Ruiz** spoke about the groups that were targeting minorities and especially trans community. Also suggested that the board should ask LGBTQ board to interfere and volunteer for the trans Day of Visibility.

**Chair Nash** suggested sharing a booth with some other groups.

**Member Alexander** spoke about collaboration with other boards

Staff Liaison Marquez spoke about volunteers and space.

**Chair Nash** spoke about having a number for security person for each person staffing the booth.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** spoke about the photobooth that would be a great addition to the event.

**Chair Nash** spoke about purchasing Step and Repeat for the board.

**Vice Chair Ruiz** spoke about the resource (employment) booth, which should be available for the community

**Andi Lovano**, CLA Division Manager, suggested uniting all trans organizations and create a trans space for all organizations that participate.

**Chair Nash** requested to have one day passes, not three-day passes, the cost of which will be less.

**Board member Kacy** spoke about the passes

**Vice-Chair Ruiz** asked for Social Services providers to be present at the event so that the board could advertise the resources, and collect data as well as provide crisis counseling.

**ACTION:** The Board discussed its participation efforts in the WeHo Pride Festival. The Board made no concrete decisions, but asked staff to inquire about moving the trans booth to somewhere quieter, and to report back with potential booth activations such as a photo booth or step and repeat, as well as swag giveaways.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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There were no public comments.

#### 5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

**Boardmember Alexander** asked TAB to consider endorsing an event for his organization, Invisible Men, at the next TAB meeting.

**Boardmember Kacy** shared that they have been asked to serve on the newly formed LGBTQ+ Commission, and shared that they would be moving onto that Commission as soon as the Commission begins to meet.

**Boardmember Samala** shared anti-trans legislation efforts around the nation, and the Board asked staff to return to the next meeting with legislative updates regarding the anti-trans sentiment across the country.

#### 6. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

#### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Transgender Advisory Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 6:00p.m. to be held in-person at West Hollywood City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor Community Meeting Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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*Tatyana Rodzinek*

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Tatyana Rodzinek, Acting Recording Secretary