



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

San Mateo County Pride Center

1021 S. El Camino Real San Mateo, CA 94402 (11th Ave & El Camino)

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

1. Call to Order

- 2. Roll Call:** Rebecca Carabez, Gabe Garcia, Terri Echelbarger, Craig Wiesner, Kris Perez, Jeannine Menger, Grant Whitman, Stan Kiino, Jenny Walter, Lynn Schuette, Andres Camarillo
Staff: Tanya Beat, Linda Wolin

3. Appreciations (2 minutes)

Women's Community Leadership Network: free training on how to become a board member, committee member, commission member. Sat, Oct 6, 10am-12pm.

Trump Administration is taking away visas for domestic partners of diplomats. Put on Nov Agenda: How is this Commission to respond to what we disagree with in the federal government specific to LGBTQ rights? Time to develop a Process. The more people speak up, are heard and are visible, the more attention we bring to the issue.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: DVC meeting on Oct 11; Barbara Hammerman Award on Oct 23; DVA event on Oct 20.

4. Public Comment

Linda Wolin from Supervisor Pine Office – State of the County, Oct 24 in Burlingame. We will be tabling and representing the LGBTQ Commission.

5. Approval & Adoption of Agenda (1 minute)

Grant Whitman motions to approve, Jeannine Menger seconds. Unanimously approved.

6. Approval of September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Terri Echelbarger motions to approve, Jenny Walter seconds. Unanimously approved.

7. REPORTS (2 minutes each)

➤ Pride Initiative – Dana Johnson

- Collaborating with the Pride Center and the LGBTQ Commission on TDOR

- Save the date TDoR - November 13 from 5-7pm at the San Mateo Library
- New office of Diversity Equity Director her name is Dr. Maria Lorente
- Pride Initiative Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Pride Center 3:30-5pm, starting to meet about the Pride Celebration for 2019

➤ Pride Center – Lisa Putkey

- Mental Health Service Act Steering Committee, requesting approval to go to Sacramento to extend funds for 2 years, very first time having people from the community supporting the Pride Center
- Board voted unanimously to open a 30-day public comment period
- Lisa attending the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission next week and next month.
- Thursday, January 24th is the meeting in Sacramento.
- Pride Center Calendar for more info of the month.
- ACS' Outlet, Out To Eat Fundraiser and have 2 extra tickets; Keynote is Anthony Ross

➤ Commission Co-Chairs: no report

➤ Commission Director:

- Transgender Day of Remembrance) Jeannine & Terri are on the Planning Committee. Jeannine is providing & playing music. Terri will be representing the faith community.
- Request Commission Members to attend (Jenny out of town; Grant not able to attend)
- SOGI: Possible dates at end of Nov or early Dec
- Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) is amazing & would like to support their work. Lynn has returned working for CORA so she's a great connection.

8. Survey Update (40 minutes)

Gabe: Struggled to analyze the data; had approached SMC Public Health earlier this year but no response. With the connection to Louise Rogers, they responded quickly.

Gabe and Rebecca were on that call with Public Health. We requested they analyze the data for validation; and to request their continued collaboration on presenting to BOS, and future surveys we may do. [answer the question: do we open the survey during Community Conversations? And, are we missing information?]

The commission needs to fully understand the data and what public health can do in translating it.

Gabe has helped provide "assumptions" and methods to Public Health – they can be found in the Executive Summary methods section.

Jeannine Menger: analyzing data separate from Public Health. Doing this in parallel will help validate the data. We need help with translation in order to become experts with this survey in order to share it with the community.

Concrete Next Step:

Jenny Walter proposes a Motion to adopt the plan that the SMC Health analyze the data and report back to the Commission (with help from Gabe, Rebecca, Jeannine) on Nov 6.

Terri Echelbarger seconds the motion. Unanimously approved.

Commission prepares presentation to the BOS for December 4 or December 11.

9. **Community Conversations Ad-Hoc Sub Group**

Outreach and Dissemination:

List of people and groups to connect with and share the data.

Outreach is defined as:

Providing the survey overview to people and groups.

Potentially answering their questions.

Asking them to provide the info to their networks.

End Result: Invite them to Community Conversations in Spring.

We need to prioritize who needs this information BASED on who we need at these Community Conversations. Tanya needs you all to identify which groups you want to take the lead on.

Connect Now with your Groups: start the conversation about when we expect results and to provide results. Tanya will promote data results online.

Be prepared to start presenting to community January-March.

- *Visibility of the LGBTQ Commission: Tanya asks permission from you to create an outreach piece for tabling. Commission says yes.*

10. **Adjournment**

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