



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office on LGBTQ Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes:
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center
2000 14th Street NW, Washington DC 20009

Meeting called by	David Perez, Chair to LGBTQ Advisory Committee
Facilitators	David Perez, Chair to LGBTQ Advisory Committee Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director of LGBTQ Affairs Terrance Laney, Deputy Director of LGBTQ Affairs
Secretary	Nicole Armstead, MSW, LGSW
Attendees	Sheila Alexander-Reid Glen Ackerman Julius Agers Nicole Armstead Joanna Cifredo Letitia Gomez Terrance Laney Christopher Adam Obermeyer David Perez Jim Slattery Imani Woody
Apologies of Absentees	Alexander King Consuella Lopez Ruth Eisenberg Dionne Reeder Thomas Sanchez Andrea Sharrin Victoria Kirby York Sheldon Scott



MEETING START TIME: 6:37pm

Meeting called to order by David Perez

MEETING AGENDA

Special Guest: Darrell Gaston

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee was visited by Darrell Gaston, the newly hired Housing Specialist. He — alongside Sheila Alexander Reid — spoke about the mayor's initiative to end homelessness in DC by 2020. Points noted include:

- Current LGBTQ-inclusive shelters include Wanda Alston (10 beds), Casa Ruby (12 beds), LAYC (8 beds)
- Pledge to house five additional emergency beds LGBTQ young persons experiencing homeless
- In August, a youth count was conducted for LGBTQ youth with the intention of starting a point for further assessment of critical services needed

The committee offered feedback regarding to the critical needs, including the importance of recognizing the cost of the DC housing market, the importance of recognizing a high transient population within DC, and the importance of recognizing alternative community-based solutions for ending LGBTQ youth homelessness (example: matching young persons with stability using members of the aging community).

Review of minutes

Minutes were approved, with noted corrections

Committee Structure and Sub-Committees

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee discussed existing committee structures and offered a space for further discussion of the benefits and risks of forming sub-committees — all with the responsibility to advising the Mayor.

Continued Focus of October Agenda Items:

- *High Heel Race*, scheduled for October 27th at Hank's Oyster Bar. She discussed this as an opportunity for the DC community to (a.) meet Mayor Bowser and (b.) meet the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.
- *Latino/Hispanic Awareness Month*, including an Latino LGBTQ Town Hall scheduled for October 28th. The event will be hosted at the DC Center and will focus on topics such as: safety, education, housing, and economic stability. The committee encourages support and attendance.
- *Spirit Day*, scheduled for October 15th
- National Coming Out Day, scheduled for observance October 10th-11th
- We Are DC Campaign. Committee discussed the presenting nominations and voted to determine if the current list should be accepted as is or further developed. Letitia made a motion to accept nomination list as is. Committee members approved motion.



MONTH	FOCUS POINTS	NOTES
October	<p><u>LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH & YOUTH</u> We are Washington DC LBGTQ History Month Social Media Campaign National Coming Out Day (10/11) Spirit Day (10/15)</p>	<p>The Office of LGBTQ Affairs will focus on LGBTQ youth during the month of October, specifically highlighting services for LGBTQ youth in preparation of <i>National Coming Out Day</i> and <i>Spirit Day</i>, which addresses LGBTQ youth experiencing bullying.</p> <p>We are DC LGBTQ History Month Social Media Campaign will aim t feature 20 LGBTQ-identified people, living, in the district, engaging in great work to increase the lives of this respective community.</p>

New Business

Transgender Day of Remembrance; committee will continue planning and discussion of events for the November.

Meeting adjourned by David Perez

MEETING END TIME: 8:00pm

NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION:

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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