



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Advisory Committee to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs Meeting**

Agenda:

1. Call to order - David M. Perez, Chair (1 min.). Meeting started at 6:45pm
2. Roll Call - Desiree Luckey, Incoming Secretary (1 min.)

Staff:

- Ben de Guzman

Advisory Committee:

- Nicole Armstead-Williams
- Dwayne Bensing
- Reginald Greer
- Bradley Lewis
- David Perez
- Thomas Sanchez
- Andrea Sharrin
- Jim Slattery
- Yaani Supreme

Community:

- Tiera Craig
- Kathleen Stines

3. Review minutes - Nicole Armstead-Williams, Secretary. Motion to approve minutes passed at 6:50pm

4. *Report from the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs- Ben de Guzman, [Community Relations and Outreach Specialist](#)*

The Office of LGBTQ Affairs supported Black Pride, Trans Pride, Latinx Pride events as well as events for Capital Pride. The Mayor's contingent in the parade is typically one of the largest and this year was no exception. Additionally, District of Pride event was a huge success.

The Pathways Program graduated its inaugural cohort of 10 people. The majority of graduates have either secured jobs, enrolled in academic programs, or have a solid plan moving forward. Many Committee members served as mentors and participated in workshops and trainings. Over the past several months, the Office has conducted cultural competency trainings for several departments including DC Health, DYFS, and DOES.

Funding cycle for Homeless Youth Services Providers for FY2018 is ending and site visits are being conducted. There have been 12 applications for FY2019 funding and they are being reviewed for recommendations to the Mayor.

The Office is working on an event or social media campaign for September to address suicide prevention in the LGBTQ community, in recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Month. For October as part of LGBTQ History Month, the Office will support an event on October 12th to raise awareness about the intersections between LGBTQ identity and child abuse survivorship.

Ben de Guzman will send out a fall calendar of events for the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs (save the date for mixer with the Mayor before the High Heel Race in Oct. 30th)

Old Business

New members are being contacted by the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments to join the committee.

The Boards and Commissions Appointee Ceremony on is on Monday, September 17, 2018 at the Walter Washington Convention Center at 5:00 PM.

Public Comment (10 minutes)

Tiera Craig, DC Center: The Center Women are hosting a fundraiser, "Bad & Beaujolais: A Beaujolais Day Celebration" on November 15, 2018 from 7:00p-10:00p at the Human Rights Campaign. Visit <http://thedccenter.org/events/womensparty/> for more details on the event. If local businesses want to donate to the silent auction or sponsor, reach out to Tiera at tieracraig@gmail.com.

Kathleen Stines, Child and Family Services Agency: There is an urgent need for DC foster families. Right now, about 50% of foster youth are placed in Maryland. 70% of foster families in DC are in Wards 7 & 8. One of the issues with placement is that cost of living in DC is expensive, so at times, willing families cannot afford to meet requirements. Kathleen will do presentations for groups and organizations or participate in tabling at events to share information about fostering in DC.

New Business

David Perruzza (owner of new bar, Pitchers) will be taking a smaller role in the production of the High Heel Race this year and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs will take on a larger role in planning, including presentations to the Mayor's events staff members. There will be a pre-race

event for members of the Advisory Committee and guests, likely at Cobalt. More information will come from the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs.

Announcements

Brother Help Thyself grants for Baltimore and DC-based LGBTQ organizations is due Friday, August 31, 2018 - <http://brotherhelphyself.net/grants/>

13th Annual Hispanic LGBTQ Heritage Awards - September 19 at 6 PM - 9 PM at Human Rights Campaign - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1969797519699058/>

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.