



## SGL-LGBTQ Taskforce Minutes

28 November 2023 at 6:30pm

### Attendees

**Committee members present:** Hon. John-Martin Green (chair), Hon. Clayton Sanford, Hon. Amir Sadeghi

### 1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by chair John-Martin Green (JMG)

### 2 Adopt Agenda

The agenda was moved for adoption by Amir Sadeghi (AS) and seconded by Clayton Sanford (CS).

### 3 Adopt Minutes

The October meeting minutes were not adopted due to not being printed out.

### 4 Determination regarding Audre Lorde monument commissioning

Committee members followed on up on the previous meeting's presentation about the intricacies of commissioning a monument. While task force members agreed that spear-heading the construction of permanent monument was beyond the capacity of the task force, there was enthusiasm for exploring partial steps that could help identify members of a potential coalitions. Some are listed below:

- Richard Pelzer's proposal for temporary art installations.
- Representing Harlem LGBTQ pioneers like James Baldwin and Audre Lorde in the next iteration of [banners](#) on West 125th St produced by [Gatekeeper's Collective](#).
- Organizing readings or interactive cultural events in the future.
- An event for young emerging queer writers to share work in honor of Audre Lorde. Writers could be identified via contacts and outreached to campus organizations and literature departments.

### 5 Community engagement and education film screening prep

We discussed the current status of event planning for the film screening event

- **Date:** Thursday November 30th.
- **Venue:** [The Foyer at the Forum](#) was confirmed as the event.
- **Refreshments:** JMG ordered catered meals from Mofongo del Valle. CS offered to pick up soft drinks and snacks the day of the event, with a budget of \$60.
- **Logistics:** JMG had obtained a DVD with the film.

- **Schedule:** 6:30pm — Welcome and meet-and-greet with catered food. 7:00pm — JMG introduces the committee and the film; the film begins. 8:30pm — Discussion of the film and its relevance.
- **Setup:** JMG will arrive at 5pm to pick up the catering and to meet with Columbia staff. CS will welcome guests on the ground floor. Room setup and cleanup handled by Columbia Facilities.
- **Advertisement:** Eventbrite was live. Madison Ayala (community associate) will ensure the event is advertised on the CB9 list. (She asked for further notice for future events.) JMG shared the event with other organizations like Native Son, DBGM, and Harlem Pride. CS shared the event with Columbia LGBTQ student organizations.

## 6 Old Business

No old business discussed.

## 7 New Business

No new business discussed.

## 8 Adjourn

The meeting was moved to be adjourned by AS and seconded by CS. Adjourned at 7:40 PM.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Clayton Sanford.*