

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, July 25, 2012
COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90046

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Krupa.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sofiya Gelman, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, and Muriel Schiochet.

Members absent: A. Lee Walkup

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Isenberg stated that the agenda was posted at all the usual places.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Krupa stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were approved.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER AND THE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser announced that the three trips to the Hollywood Bowl sold out very quickly. Upcoming excursions include the Getty Center, the Pageant of the Masters, Big Bear and the Cleopatra exhibit. Ms. Desser announced that the classes are going well and they will be starting a Zumba class sometime in the near future.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Octavio Olivas and Jacklyn Mizrahi, from the Center for Civic Mediation discussed the mediation services available to West Hollywood Community members.

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood resident, spoke about a positive experience she recently had using the Center for Civic Mediation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elizabeth Savage and Yellena Orloff presented an update from the City's Rent Stabilization Division. They announced that the annual rent adjustment for West Hollywood tenants will be 1.25% for the period beginning September 1, 2012 and ending August 31, 2013. They distributed the 2011 Annual Report and the Rent Stabilization newsletter and answered questions from the Board.

Victor Olmochenko, West Hollywood resident, spoke about the need to balance historic preservation and rent stabilization, using the El Mirador as an example.

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood resident, also spoke about the El Mirador and the legislative issues that impacted the decisions made on that property.

B. City Manager, Paul Arevalo, was unable to attend the meeting. He will be placed on a future agenda to discuss the City's current initiatives.

C. The Board voted to postpone the election of Chair and Vice-Chair until next month when the entire Board is expected to be present.

VII. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Pat Dixon spoke about the importance of the shingles vaccine, the high cost of the vaccine and that Medi-Care does not pay for it. Several other Board members talked about the shingles vaccine with some differing opinions on the chances of getting the virus if one has had chicken pox. The Board requested having a medical professional attend an upcoming

meeting to clarify the issue. The Board also suggested that the vaccine be offered at the Senior Health Fair.

Sofia Gelman spoke about the Pow Wow event she recently attended at Plummer Park.

VIII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

There were no items from staff.

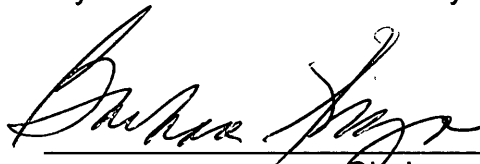
IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Olmochencko, West Hollywood resident, spoke about his experience having chicken pox as a child. He informed the Board of a meeting taking place that night in Fiesta Hall regarding the shooting that occurred at Plummer Park over the weekend.

Jeanne Dobrin, West Hollywood resident, told the Board that if they do not like the high cost of vaccines, they should write to President Obama.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned in memory of the victims of the recent Colorado shootings and in memory of Sally Ride, the nation's first female astronaut. The next meeting will be held on August 22, 2012 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.



Chairperson – Barbara Krupa