

WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2013

City Hall

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairperson Walkup.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schoichet, Lee Walkup

Members absent: Sophia Gelman, Rita Norton

Staff present: Daphne Dennis

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Daphne Dennis stated that the agenda was posted at all the usual places.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Walkup stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 27, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chuck Fisher spoke about a property on Fuller where a number of Section 8 certificate holders reside and suggested that the City purchase that building and others like it to preserve affordable housing.

III. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activity Program Director, announced events for Senior month, reminded Board members to RSVP for the Awards luncheon at the House of Blues on May 6th, and spoke about the Movie club, held the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Leslie Isenberg announced that this year's Senior Award recipients are Barbara Meltzer and Lee Walkup. She spoke about the health screenings available this year at the Health Fair on May 22nd.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Perri Sloane Goodman reported to the Board on several transportation program innovations coming on line in July and October. The taxi program will convert to a swipe card method of payment, replacing the taxi coupon books on July 1st. A pilot project to run an Entertainment Shuttle on Santa Monica Boulevard between Orange Grove and La Peer to begin July 1st was approved by the City Council and is a project of the Economic Development Division. The T-L-C assisted transportation program will go out to bid in June, seeking operators for the program which will begin in October.
- B. Andrew Campbell, Arts and Cultural Affairs Administrator, distributed copies of *The Tender Bare* to the Board. The books were also distributed around the City this week and are part of the national Great Read initiative to encourage literacy. He spoke about a variety of artistic and cultural events planned for the One City One Pride celebration beginning in May and continuing through June, Pride Month. He also spoke about Summer Sounds and Theater in the Park, which will include performances of Shakespeare along with other authors this summer. Several new public art installations have just been completed and more will appear in June.
- C. Daphne Dennis reviewed the recommendations of the 2013 Community Study as they relate to programming for Seniors and spoke about the next social services funding process.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Esther Baum indicated that residents are not prepared for disasters and suggested that the Comp Services Center plan a series of lectures on the issue.

Ric Rickles reported that the Mayoral installation was wonderful.

Barbara Krupa announced that she is fostering a dog from the pound and suggested it is a great volunteer project.

Lee Walkup announced that Denim Day is observed on April 24th. He announced that Councilmember D'Amico is hosting a design event in conjunction with Cal Arts on the April 26th at 7 in the City Council

Chambers. He announced that free meningitis vaccinations are available from various community clinics. He announced that Rick Watts will again be a roadie for the AIDS Lifecycle fund-raising bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles. The Gay Men's Chorus will perform on June 22nd and 23rd at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills a show entitled "Not Entirely Wicked: The Music of Steven Schwartz."

Pat Dixon reminded staff about finding a free or low-cost shingles vaccination for Seniors.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

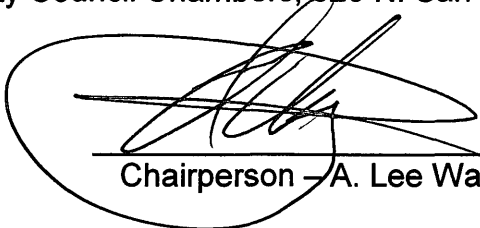
Daphne Dennis reminded the Board that the May meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers on the fifth Wednesday of the month to avoid the conflict with the Senior Health Fair on May 22nd. She announced that Being Alive, one of the local HIV/AIDS organizations, is looking into the possibility of a pharmaceutical company providing low or no cost shingles vaccinations.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 in the City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.


Chairperson – A. Lee Walkup