

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2014

West Hollywood Library-Community Meeting Room
625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman,
Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles,
Lee Walkup,

Members absent: Muriel Schoichet

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Francisco Gomez

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Corey Roskin stated that the agenda was posted at all the usual
places.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item III—Items from the Senior Center, of the January 22, 2014 Senior
Advisory Board meeting, was amended to reflect the correct schedule of
Cedars Sinai sponsored health screenings at the Center. Once amended,
the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Patricia Vonheitman, West Hollywood, spoke about random inspections to
examine for apartment cleanliness that are happening at the West
Hollywood Housing Corporation building she lives in on Hayworth Ave.
She believes that the inspections are a violation of a tenant's right to
privacy.

Richard Maggio, West Hollywood, talked about the work that the Rent
Stabilization and Housing Division does to protect tenants' rights and the
rent control ordinance. Additionally, Mr. Maggio discussed several
brochures and guides that are produced by the Rent Stabilization and
Housing Division. He also talked about his role as chairperson of the Rent
Stabilization Commission.

Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, introduced himself to the Board and also spoke about the work that the Division he oversees does in the community. Mr. Noonan also said that he would follow-up on Ms. Vonheitman's concern.

Stephanie Cohen, a representative for Assemblymember Richard Bloom's office, talked to the Board about recent legislation that was introduced by the Assemblymember. Specifically, she talked about AB-1751, which relates to Seniors living in continuing care retirement communities, and AB-1699 that seeks to ban the use of micro-plastics in facial cleansers.

Alex Mindel, West Hollywood, expressed his concern with the existing affordable housing application process. He believes that the process should be simplified by having applicants use one application that could then be forwarded to each of the affordable housing providers in the area.

Marcy Norton, West Hollywood, updated the Senior Advisory Board on recent events and actions that have been sponsored by the Public Safety Commission. She also talked about upcoming meetings and events that are designed to improve the life of seniors in the City.

Larry Block, West Hollywood, stated that the agenda packet posted online was not current. Additionally, he talked about the potential for the Senior Advisory Board to work with the Disabilities Advisory Board to plan future senior trips. Mr. Block also discussed the lack of adult care facilities, assisted living facilities, and affordable housing in West Hollywood.

IV. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activities Director, provided the Board with a brief description of various upcoming trips that are being sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Andrew Campbell, the City of West Hollywood's Cultural Affairs Administrator, spoke about arts and cultural affairs programming in the City of West Hollywood, the new sculpture ("The Horned Beast") in Plummer Park, the WeHo East Arts program, Summer Sounds, and World Book Night.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Barbara Krupa had a few questions about the 8899 Beverly Project. She asked if staff knew if the building had senior facilities and if it is possible to schedule a tour of the building.

Ric Rickles expressed a concern with the seating arrangement for Senior Advisory Board meetings at the West Hollywood Library-Community Room.

Lee Walkup, who serves as a liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, updated the Senior Advisory Board on the selection process for the Rainbow Key Awards. He also discussed upcoming concerts by the Gay Men's Chorus, a legal victory for marriage equality in Texas, and also expressed his concern with the City Council's decision to not approve funding for this year's book fair.

Pat Dixon also expressed her concern with the City Council's decision to not approve funding for the City's book fair. Additionally, she stated that shrinking attendance at the Book Fair is probably due to limited outreach and advertising for the event.

Esther Baum talked about Senior Month plans and scheduled events.

Sophia Gelman spoke about the City's current relation with the Jewish community. She spoke about the need for more Jewish-centered events. Specifically, she discussed how in the past the City would sponsor Holocaust remembrance events and regretted that there is no Babi-Yar event this year.

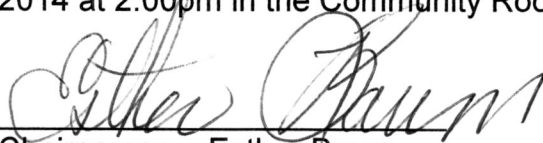
Additionally, Sophia Gelman asked that the City display the photograph of a member of the Retired Russian Doctors association who recently passed away at the Senior Center. Lee Walkup made a motion to that effect; the motion was seconded by Bernice Levin and passed unanimously. However, because this item was not on the agenda, the vote was nullified.

VIII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Corey Roskin talked about the upcoming Pop-Up Workshop at the West Hollywood Library. He also told the Board that the Senior Valentine's Day Dance was a success. Lastly, he introduced Francisco Gomez, Administrative Specialist IV in the Social Services Division, to the Board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on March 26, 2014 at 2:00pm in the Community Room at the West Hollywood Library.

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Chairperson – Esther Baum