

WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES *(Revised as per 10-22-14 SAB meeting)*

WEDNESDAY, September 24, 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 by Chairwoman Pat Dixon at 12:04 PM.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Eichman, West Hollywood, recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Sophia Gelman, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Lee Walkup, Richard Blons, Esther Baum, and Pat Dixon

Members absent: Barbara Krupa and Muriel Schoichet.

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Leslie Isenberg, Francisco Gomez

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Corey Roskin stated that the agenda was posted at Plummer Park, West Hollywood Park, West Hollywood Library, West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and West Hollywood City Hall.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Eichman, Chair of the City's Transportation Commission, spoke about some of the projects and policy items that are being considered by the Transportation Commission. He also asked that Senior Advisory Board Members feel free to provide the Transportation Commission with any suggestions or concerns that they may have.

IV. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, provided the Board with a brief description of upcoming trips, lectures, and events that are being sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center. Some of the events that she highlighted included a blood pressure screening, Oktoberfest, Route 66 exhibit at the Autry, a lecture on flu and shingles prevention, and an Argentine Tango class. She also mentioned that the Senior Activity

Program implemented a new ticket policy that should benefit West Hollywood residents.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Program Administrator, spoke about an upcoming health and wellness event that is being organized in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness and Disabilities Awareness Month. Leslie explained that there will be about a half-dozen health screenings at the event. The event will take place on Tuesday October 21, 2014 from 10am-2pm.
- B. Shawn Kravich from the L.A. HIV Law and Policy Project spoke about estate planning. Specifically, he discussed the differences between wills and trusts. He also provided the Board with information on how to go about getting a will or trust document. Lastly, he answered questions from the Board regarding estate planning.
- C. Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, discussed the City's annual Housing Report and also spoke about several changes that have taken place in housing over the last year. He also presented to the Board several statistics on the number of contacts that the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division has had with constituents.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup spoke about the WeHo Reads event that will take place on September 27, 2014. He also spoke about several upcoming performances by the LA Gay Men's Chorus.

Esther Baum asked if staff had any updates on the potential to include assisted living facilities in the City's senior buildings. She also said that she believes that there needs to be a change in housing policy with regard to assisted living in the City.

Bernice Levin spoke about a letter she received from Cedars Sinai informing her that a computer with confidential information was stolen from the home of a Cedar's employee. She asked that Board members monitor their credit to ensure that their personal information is not being used by others. Bernice also mentioned that those who are insured by United Healthcare can now access medical services at Cedars.

Sophia Gelman mentioned that a meeting to discuss the proposed changes to Plummer Park is scheduled on September 29, 2014.

Pat Dixon spoke about the new Flyaway service that runs from Hollywood/Vine to Los Angeles International Airport. She said that the service runs every 30 minutes. She also mentioned that she would like for the City to mail a letter to seniors to let them know about the actions and discussions that take place during Senior Advisory Board meetings.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Corey Roskin mentioned two events that are being hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women; the first event will focus on the impact of Supreme Court decisions and will take place on October 8th. The second event will focus on the prevention of elder abuse and senior scams and will take place on November 12, 2014. Corey also spoke about the orientation that took place for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Senior Advisory Board and Disabilities Advisory Board.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cole Ettman, West Hollywood, spoke about the Public Facilities Commission and the need to have senior input at the Commission's meetings. He urged seniors to come and share their opinions and concerns.

Marcy Norton, West Hollywood, mentioned the elder abuse and senior scams prevention event hosted by NCJW that the SAB will co-sponsor. She also spoke about some of the discussion that took place regarding pedestrian crosswalks in West Hollywood at the joint meeting of the Transportation Commission and Public Safety Commission that took place on September 15th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 pm to the next meeting to be held on October 22, 2014 at 2:00pm in the Community Room at the West Hollywood Library.



Chairperson – Pat Dixon