

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2015
Community Room, West Hollywood Library
625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pat Dixon at 2:00 PM.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara Krupa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Rita Norton

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Leslie Isenberg, Kim Patterson

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

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

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman Pat Dixon stated the procedure.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

F. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Chairwoman Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of the children who died in a fire in Brooklyn and the people who perished in the German plane crash. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Stuart Goldman, West Hollywood librarian, announced senior programming, including Elder Fraud Prevention Workshops on May 6, 13, and 20 and monthly movie matinees in the Community Room, beginning May 7 at 2 pm.

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, thanked the Senior Advisory Board for co-sponsoring the May 11 screening of *I'll Be Me*, a documentary about Glen Campbell's struggle with Alzheimers Disease. He also announced that he will be having his annual fast on behalf of his charity Fasting2Feed.org

and encouraged support through joining the fast, donating food, or making financial contributions to one of several non-profits.

Ron Fudge, West Hollywood resident, said that he would like to participate in any ways that he can to the work of the SAB.

IV. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activities Director at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced upcoming trips, monthly lectures, and cultural excursions.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE WEST HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, gave an overview of Social Services that are provided to the West Hollywood community. As a contract city, West Hollywood provides \$4.2 million per year to agencies that contract with the City. This process is informed by the constituents, including in the most recent three year funding cycle by the latest Community Study. The top five priorities selected are 1) seniors and people living with disabilities, 2) counseling, 3) HIV prevention, 4) medical care, and 5) legal aid.

B. CHANGES TO THE CITY'S TAXI ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Francisco Gomez, the City's new Transportation Program Administrator, announced the following changes in the taxi assistance program which serves people 62 years and older, and people living with disabilities:

- 1) the current two programs will be combined into one;
- 2) the \$8 fee will now purchase \$50 of taxi fare;
- 3) participants can purchase two increments for a total of \$100 taxi fare for \$16 in payments per month;
- 4) the maximum per-trip fare has been increased to \$25;
- 5) a Taxi Driver Recognition Program has been implemented to promote high service standards and reward drivers for excellent passenger service.

C. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BRAINSTORM

The Board proposed future agenda items:

- Propositions/Elections/Measures overview
- Tips on aging well
- Introductions to the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
- Outreach to the senior community about the SAB meetings
- Activities to build interest in activities for seniors, including a book club, sports events, picnic

- Build stronger connections so people in the community have someone to call in an emergency (i.e. promote the Telephone Reassurance Program and the CONNECT Program)
- Research study on priority needs
- Monthly calendar?? Not sure what this refers to
- Transportation
- More events for older men (i.e. a men's club, sporting events)

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup announced a screening of "How to Die in Oregon". He urged people to contact Adam Schiff and Michael Aguilera about the proposed Federal budget cuts of \$5.1 trillion to Social Security and Medicare. He drew attention to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act which allows the denial of services to the public based on their beliefs, as well as the counter-petition to the ballot measure for the Sodomite Suppression Act.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Staff distributed flyers for Senior Month, Senior Health Fair, Senior Moments, and Writing Workshops. Corey Roskin announced that Gary and Kay Kaplan will be honored during Senior Month for their many hours of volunteer work.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM in memory of the children who died in a fire in Brooklyn and the people who perished in the German plane crash. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room at the West Hollywood Library.



 Chairperson – Pat Dixon