

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2015
West Hollywood Library – Community Room
625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Bernice Levin, Joy Nuell, and Lee Walkup

Members absent: Richard Blons and Barbara Krupa

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Leslie Isenberg, and 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

Chair Dixon stated the procedure.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

II. INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Leslie Isenberg installed John Allendorfer as a new member of the SAB, and Esther Baum was welcomed as a returning member of the Board.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 26, 2015 SAB meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Morin, West Hollywood, inquired about the Senior Savings Passport. He also spoke about the Ellis Act and hopes the Council will approve the Rent Stabilization recommendation.

Marcy Norton, chair of the Public Safety Commission and liaison to the SAB, reported that although her mother, Rita Norton, was not reappointed to the Board, she enjoyed her 16+ years of service.

V. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser announced the very popular West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center (WHCSC) events, programs and classes and distributed the new newsletter. Marcy Norton requested that buses for trips sponsored by the WHCSC be wheelchair accessible, and that the age limit for caregivers who accompany seniors on trips be lowered.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Shirley Berry, the City's Emergency Management Coordinator from the Public Safety Department, encouraged everyone to make emergency plans and pack emergency kits. She indicated that the City has an Emergency Operations Center at City Hall and designated shelter sites at Plummer and West Hollywood Parks.

B. 2014 REPORT OF THE RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING DIVISION

Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, reviewed the 2014 RSH Annual Report. He summarized current trends affecting housing in West Hollywood and the region and how the division has worked to provide quality, affordable housing. He announced a meeting on reasonable accommodation on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 PM at Plummer Park.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Esther Baum reiterated the request that WHCSC excursion buses be accessible. She also warned about scams that target seniors. She reported that the Chamber of Commerce is looking into restoring the Senior Savings Passport.

Lee Walkup reported that the Disabilities Advisory Board would like to work with the SAB on a prescription medicine town hall in 2016. He announced the Gay

Men's Chorus concerts on Oct. 9 & 10 which are part of a national "It Gets Better", anti-bullying campaign. He reported that Jeanne Dobrin's 95th birthday was celebrated at the last City Council meeting. Lastly he announced that Capitol Drugs will be offering free flu shots to those who have Medicare cards.

John Allendorfer said he would like to see a Senior Lounge on the Westside, with classes and job information.

Pat Dixon suggested starting a senior chorus, and reported that the new Broad Museum is incredible.

Bernice Levin reported that a fire marshal visited her new residence, and announced that if residents want to register to vote, they can contact the City Clerk.

Sophia Gelman raised concern about maintenance and use of the buildings at Plummer Park.

IX. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Leslie Isenberg announced that the Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions will take place on Oct. 14 in the Council Chambers, and reminded the Board that elections of Chair and Vice-Chair will take at the October meeting.

Corey Roskin reported that the Senior Savings Passport is no longer in print due to the lack of response from local businesses, but added that many businesses offer senior discounts without advertising them. He also said that if anyone was interested in the Friday matinee of the "It Gets Better" Gay Men's Chorus event at the Annenberg, to see him.

X. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Morin, West Hollywood resident, suggested that many discounts are available with an AAA or AARP card. He raised concern that the action reports from City Boards & Commissions included in the City Council meeting packets are not as detailed as minutes from the Board/Commission meetings.. He added that for emergency preparedness it is helpful to stash emergency cash in case the bank teller machines are inoperable.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

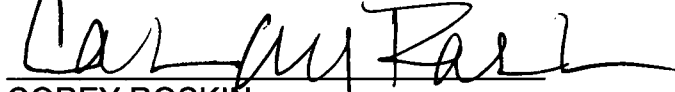
The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room of the West Hollywood Library.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.



PAT DIXON,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



COREY ROSKIN,
STAFF LIAISON/SECRETARY

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