

WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 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, Sofiya Gelman,
Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric
Rickles, Lee Walkup

Members absent: Muriel Schoichet

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 February 27, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

II. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Corey Roskin announced events planned for Senior Month, including the Awards luncheon May 6th at the House of Blues and the Senior Health Fair May 22nd in and around the Community Center at Plummer Park.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Corey Schaffer, City Clerk, discussed the term limits initiative which was passed in the recent election. He explained that it limits Council members to 3 four year terms.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, spoke about the update to the City's Housing Element, which is under way. She announced that there would be a community meeting to discuss housing on Saturday, April 6th from 9 to noon in West

Hollywood Park Auditorium and encouraged members to attend. She discussed various developments under construction in the City which will have affordable units designated for low and very low income residents.

- B. Corri Planck presented information about the Women's Leadership Conference to be held April 19-20. She reported that various assistance devices for the Library for use by people with disabilities will be purchased by a grant which the City received for that purpose. Included in that effort is training for Library staff.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Housing issues: Members asked for a tour of the new developments on La Brea. Members wanted to be sure that information about applications for the affordable units be brought to the Board.

Assistance equipment at the Library: Members indicated that the equipment should have already been purchased for the Library and indicated preferences for where certain things should be located in the Library. It was pointed out that the chairs in the Library are not ergonomic and are heavy to move.

Q: Are the grant funds still available? A: Yes, funds are secure in a designated account.

Library hours: Members indicated a preference for the Library to be open on Sunday and to be open later in the day. Q: The Board inquired if the City contributes to fund staffing at the Library. A: The City does not.

Board members who attended the Winter Sounds concerts commented that they were excellent.

Traffic and parking issues: Ms. Krupa commented on the number of cars double parking on Ogden; Ms. Schoichet commented on very fast pace of traffic on Orlando; and Mr. Walkup wondered if the City could mark all parking spaces in residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Walkup announced the Women in Leadership Awards March 27th; the City Budget forum April 2nd; Congress member Adam Schiff's forum on gun violence April 3rd; Captain Kelly Fraser's promotion and transfer to the jail system; and the City Council reorganization April 15th.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff discussed changing the date of the Senior Advisory Board meeting in May from May 22nd to May 29th. The Board decided to hold the meeting in the City Council Chambers and the meeting will be televised.

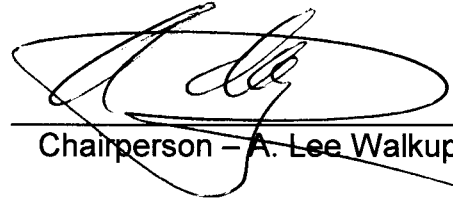
IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Suzanne Dietrick spoke about the assisted equipment for the Library and grab bars in the bathroom stalls.

Marcy Norton announced that she is the liaison to the Senior Board from the Public Safety Commission and that she would be attending future meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.



Chairperson – A. Lee Walkup