

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, August 27, 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 Vice-Chairperson Barbara Krupa at 2:03 PM.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard Blons recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbara Krupa, Sophia Gelman, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Lee Walkup, Richard Blons, Muriel Schoichet, and Pat Dixon

Members absent: Esther Baum

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Derek Murray, 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

Larry Block, West Hollywood, spoke about the need for the City Council to address the safety of the City's crosswalks along Santa Monica Boulevard. In addition, Larry mentioned that the Rent Stabilization Commission has added an item to their agenda about unit swapping for seniors and disabled individuals who live in properties under rent control. Lastly, Larry mentioned to the board that he will be running for City Council.

IV. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Corey Roskin provided the Board with a brief description of upcoming trips, lectures, and events that are being sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center. Specifically, he mentioned the

following trips and events taking place at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center: A screening of *Moonstruck* on September 17, 2014 at 2PM, and a lecture titled *The Gift of Reading for Reading Impaired* on September 18, 2014.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Marina Berkman and Sheila Richman of the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center delivered a presentation on hoarding issues in the City. They mentioned the challenges of working with hoarders, the different types and levels of hoarding behavior, barriers to accepting services, the history of the City's Hoarding Taskforce, and general statistics on hoarding cases in the City.
- B. As a follow-up to the July meeting, Corey Roskin discussed the City's upcoming Annual Congress and plans for a special celebration of the City's Commissions and Advisory Boards and how they have helped to shape the culture of the City of West Hollywood over the last 30 years. Corey mentioned that the Annual Congress is scheduled to take place on October 8, 2014.
- C. Senior Advisory Board elections took place in accordance with the City's requirement to hold annual elections for Boards and Commissions.

Vice Chair

Barbara Krupa nominated Bernice Levin for Vice-Chair, Pat Dixon seconded the nomination, and Bernice Levin accepted the nomination; there were no additional nominations for Vice-Chair. Bernice Levin was unanimously elected to serve as Vice-Chair of the Senior Advisory Board.

Chair

Barbara Krupa nominated Pat Dixon for Chair, Bernice Levin seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chair. Pat Dixon was unanimously elected as Chair of the Senior Advisory Board.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Barbara Krupa asked staff to look at the possibility of having food at the Senior Advisory Board meetings.

Pat Dixon made a few comments about the adult activities that are included in the City's Recreation brochure. She felt that there were not enough activities that "feed the mind."

Sophia Gelman spoke about a helpful hotline to report elder abuse. She also expressed a concern with the lack of light at Plummer Park in the evenings.

Lee Walkup discussed the death of Clinton Bounds, the man who died after being hit by a vehicle on Santa Monica Blvd. Lee believes that more needs to be done by the City Council to address the safety of the City's crosswalks. Lee also mentioned that the LA Gay Men's Chorus will have a series of concerts with the music from *The Simpsons* on September 12-14. He also discussed that the City's television channels will now be included in AT&T/U-verse's lineup, and also reminded the board about the West Hollywood Book Event that will take place September 27, 2014. Lastly, Lee Walkup requested that an Adjournments item be added to future agendas.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

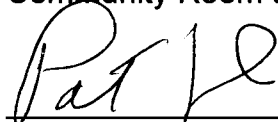
Corey Roskin mentioned that the City will host an AB 1234 ethics training class on September 29, 2014, which public officials are required to take every two years. Corey also told the Board about the upcoming WeHo Reads Event, the *Aging Today* publication, and also asked the Board about modifying the Senior Advisory Board's September meeting time to accommodate those who celebrate Rosh Hashanah. The Board directed staff to have the September meeting on the 24th from 12pm-2pm. Lastly, Derek Murray, the recently hired Social Services Program Administrator, introduced himself to the Board.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marcy Norton, West Hollywood, spoke about the work that the Public Safety Commission and the Transportation Commission have done to attempt to address the safety of the City's crosswalks. She also mentioned that City staff has failed to act on a Council directive to install devices designed to improve crosswalk safety. Marcy also expressed her disappointment with the presentation on Senior Scams by deputies from the LA County Sheriffs Department during the August meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in honor of Clinton Bounds at 3:58 pm to the next meeting to be held on September 24, 2014 at 12:00pm in the Community Room at the West Hollywood Library.



Chairperson – Pat Dixon