

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, January 26, 2011

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 Dixon.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Sofiya Gelman, Werner Haas, Barbara Krupa, Efim Kutz, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Muriel Schoichet, Mark Skibinsky

Members absent: Ric Rickles

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 Dixon stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

David Eichman, Transportation Commission Chair, spoke about pedestrian safety and Board members suggested several areas of the City which could use traffic calming devices.

Steve Paragamanik, Russian Advisory Board members, spoke about increases to bank fees. Staff suggested that he attend the February meeting so that the topic could be discussed more thoroughly.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER'S ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Bernice Levin announced that the Activity Program trips this month include the Bolshoi Ballet, the Adamson House in Malibu, the Autry Museum, the Bowers Museum, the Pala Casino, the play "Thirty Three Variations," and the Palm Springs Follies.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jesse Slansky from the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, spoke about a new project at 1145 N. La Brea which will have 32 affordable apartment units for special needs populations. Board members suggested that the new building have better sound proofing than at Sierra Bonita, have carpeting rather than cement floors, and that the units be designed so that the use of space is efficient.

Linda Demmers, the City's Library program consultant, presented a power point "virtual hard hat tour" of the City's new library. Board members suggested that the library be open expanded hours, that movies be shown, and that Kindle books and lap tops be available for loan. Members asked about foreign language collections, community group meeting space, and volunteer opportunities.

Sam Baxter, Human Services Department Director, presented a power point showing the progress on Plummer Park Master Plan Implementation Project Phase One--Final Design Development. Board members expressed interest in plans for security in both the parking structure and the Park itself and inquired about the safety of the water feature.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Perri Sloane Goodman, Social Services and Transportation Program Administrator, spoke about the recent conversion from Metro bus passes to electronic TAP cards.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Daphne Dennis reminded the Board of the Valentine's Dance and Luncheon at the House of Blues on February 14 and the candidate's forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held February 9 at 7 p.m. in West Hollywood Park Auditorium.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.



Chairperson – Pat Dixon

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