

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, May 25, 2011  
COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6  
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90046

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dixon.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sofiya Gelman, Werner Haas, Barbara Krupa, Efim Kutz, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schiochet, Mark Skibinsky

Members absent: None

Staff present: Daphne Dennis

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Ms. 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 unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

A representative from Kennedy Care skilled nursing facility spoke about their short and long term rehabilitation programs for Seniors and people with temporary and permanent disabilities.

Leesa Easton introduced herself to the Board as a new writer on Senior issues for WeHo News.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor John Duran spoke to the Board about the challenges ahead as the City moves into its next 25 years.

V. READING FROM SENIOR MOMENTS

Johanna Pick read her selection, "Where would you like to Visit?" from the annual edition of *Senior Moments*, a publication of writings by local Seniors.

VI. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER AND THE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Bernice announced that there are tickets available for *Les Miserables* on June 30<sup>th</sup> and that several Hollywood Bowl concerts are being arranged with only \$8 charged for the bus, no charge for the tickets. The last lecture in May will feature Sam Baxter discussing the New Library and improvements at West Hollywood Park and the next phase of improvements at Plummer Park on May 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Marian Berkman spoke about the various services which are available at the Comprehensive Services Center, including the CONNECT program, which matches people who need assistance with transportation with volunteers.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Andrew Campbell presented a power point about various artists and arts programs which will be involved in the Library and in a series of cultural events for Pride Month and through the summer.

B. Steve Wayland spoke about the various services offered for people who need assistance with their pets and showed a new outreach public service announcement featuring Board member Barbara Krupa.

C. Daphne Dennis reported on the successful events held during Senior Month.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Daphne Dennis reported that the Westside Council of Governments has expanded one of its subcommittee to include Senior services and hopes to better coordinate long range planning on the west side of the County.

IX. READING FROM SENIOR MOMENTS: Harry Gipson read his selection "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" from *Senior Moments*.

X. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis asked the Board to RSVP if they would like to ride on the CSW parade float. She announced the Volunteen event to be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Rooms 5 and 6 at Plummer Park to honor the teen scholarship recipients and teens who have volunteered in the community.

XI. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Sophia Gelman announced that the Retired Doctors and Scientists organization of immigrants from the former Soviet Union will hold a special meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. in Fiesta Hall.

Esther Baum announced that volunteers are needed to staff the "Friends of the Library" book store in the new Library.

Bernice Levin announced that she is retiring from her position as the Activity Program Assistant and encouraged people to apply for the part time job.

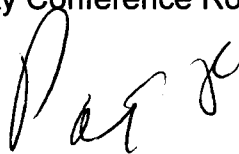
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

READING FROM SENIOR MOMENTS Rae Mitchell read her selection "Kindergarten Memories" from *Senior Moments*.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on June 22, 2011 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.



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Chairperson – Pat Dixon