

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2011
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 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, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schoichet; Lee Walkup

Members absent: None

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.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

G. PRESENTATIONS

The Board presented commendations to Efim Kutz and Mark Skibinsky, former Board members, and congratulated them on their years of service.

II. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER'S ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser announced activities planned for November, particularly the Heritage Valley lunch tour to Santa Paula on November 10.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. David Kruskall, Director of the WHEST program, reported on the services at the new center at the Library.
- B. Perri Sloane Goodman, Social Services Transportation Administrator, spoke to the Board about proposed changes to CityLine, including eliminating under-utilized stops and publishing new route and schedule materials which are easier to understand. She presented two options to the Board for service improvements: one option which slightly reduces wait time and one which slightly reduces the time it takes to cover the full route. Board members indicated an interest in taking a tour on CityLine, which staff indicated it could arrange.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Walter Davis, Mobility and Long Range Planning specialist, reported on efforts the City will be undertaking to improve pedestrian safety and traffic in the coming year. Board members indicated several intersections as problematic and requested that the City install count-down "Walk" – "Don't Walk" signs and lighted cross walks. The following intersections were cited: Fairfax and SMB, La Cienega and San Vicente, Harper and SMB (curb bump outs), Hayworth and SMB, Westmount and SMB (landscaping will be removed), Crescent Heights and Norton (right hand lane); Santa Monica and Orange Grove.
- B. The Board elected Barbara Krupa as Chair and Pat Dixon as Vice-Chair for one-year terms.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Rita Norton cited various disability access problems with the new Library, including slippery steps and lack of elevator access during emergencies with no apparent plan in place to transport people out of the building who can not take stairs. Other Board members commented that the sliding glass doors are confusing, the lighting in the Council Chambers is not adequate, and the Council Chamber lobby needs acoustic changes.

Esther Baum indicated that the City should provide information about the planned changes to Plummer Park because there is a lot of misinformation in the community. Other Board members expressed opinions on aspects of the proposed design.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

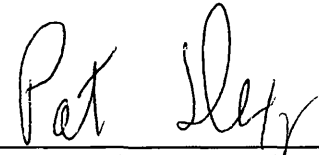
Daphne Dennis announced that the annual Board and Commission Congress would be held on Saturday, November 5 from 8:30 to 1 and urged all to attend.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marcy Norton announced that NCJW is holding a brown-bag luncheon panel discussion about homeless women and children on November 16 from 11-1 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2011 (a week later than the regularly-scheduled meeting to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving) at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.



Chairperson – Pat Dixon