

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2017
Council Chambers Auditorium
625 N .San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Walkup at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Laurie Scher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Joy Nuell and Lee Walkup

Staff present: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin, and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

John Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of the 22 people who died in Manchester, England. Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of actress Dina Merrill.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. BOARDMEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

Each Boardmember spoke about their involvement with the Board.

Mayor John Heilman and Councilmembers Lindsey Horvath and Lauren Meister thanked the Senior Advisory Board for their service to the senior community.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marina Berkman, Director of Jewish Family Service's West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, congratulated the Senior Advisory Board on the successful Senior Month activities. She stated her appreciation of the collaboration with the Board and City staff, especially regarding Aging in Place. She also announced upcoming Center activities in June.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE AND OVERVIEW

Leslie Isenberg reported on the successful events and activities during the 2017 Senior Month. Corey Roskin announced an upcoming Senior Month literary event that will feature three women authors. It is entitled, "It's Never Too Late to Try Something New" and will be held on Friday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

B. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Charlie Becker read his piece entitled "The Color of Los Angeles" from the 2017 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

C. SENIOR AWARD PRESENTATION TO FRANK GALASSI

Mayor John Heilman gave the Senior Award to Frank Galassi for his many years of service to the senior community, and in particular LGBT seniors. In addition, Stephanie Cohen from the Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl presented certificates to Frank from Supervisor Kuehl and Assemblymember Richard Bloom.

D. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Tamara Gurevich read "To the Promised Land" from the 2017 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

E. THE CONNECT PROGRAM The Board received a presentation from Terry Shajirat, coordinator of Jewish Family Service's CONNECT Program. She shared several examples of how the matches between seniors and volunteers have enriched the lives of all involved. She introduced Alex Kantor, a 27 year old volunteer, who expressed appreciation for the friendship that has been built with the 95 year old man assists.

F. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Frank Galassi read "Traveler" from the 2017 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Barbara Krupa said that the Board means a lot to her.

Sofia Gelman said it was important to be involved.

Esther Baum suggested that the Board place an item on a future agenda about a request to drop the \$5/class charge for the arthritis pain prevention class. [Staff note: the classes will be \$3.00. Staff will monitor this.]

Joy Nuell shared that she and Pat Dixon volunteer at the Library bookstore, and encouraged others to do the same.

John Allendorfer, Pat Dixon, and Chair Walkup encouraged people to contact their representatives to stop the Trump administration's budget cuts that will affect seniors.

Vice-Chair Levin praised the Connect program.

12. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Pat Dixon read "Poetry Class" from the 2017 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

13. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Leslie Isenberg announced the Be Well WeHo program.

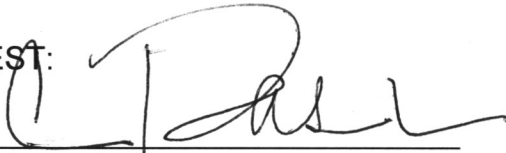
13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2017 at 2 PM at the Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



LEE WALKUP,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



COREY ROSKIN,
STAFF LIAISON

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