

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, July 26, 2017

West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica 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

William McNeeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. SWEARING-IN OF WILLIAM MCNEELEY

Melissa Crowder, Assistant City Clerk, swore in the new SAB member, William McNeeley.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Bernice Levin moved to adjourn in memory of her niece, Diana.
Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of Danny Nuñez of Ed's Café.
Chair Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of Barbara Sinatra.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, Chair of the Human Services Commission, announced a forum on Alzheimers and other forms of dementia on November 8, 10 AM – Noon in Council Chambers.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE AND OVERVIEW

Lily Bagranyan, the new Assistant Activities Coordinator at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced upcoming activities and discussed the Center's participation in the California Phones program.

B. JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES' WEHO WORKS PROGRAM

Ronda Dixon, Program Manager, and Teri Maher, Job Developer, gave a presentation on "Experience Works" their program for mature workers.

C. SENIOR/YOUTH INTERVIEW PROJECT DOCUMENTING SENIOR STORIES & HISTORIES

Leslie Isenberg gave an update on this project which is part of the Aging in Place initiative. All Board members expressed interest in participating in the project with teens from the Plummer Park Teen Center.

D. HOUSING PROGRAMS

Gloria Alvarez and Adriana Borge from Rent Stabilizing and Housing gave a presentation on affordable and inclusionary housing programs.

E. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

John Allendorfer was elected Chair, and Bernice Levin was elected Vice-Chair.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

William McNeeley expressed his appreciation for his appointment to the SAB and his interest in working with the Board.

John Allendorfer thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair. He also reported on the Aging in Place meeting that he attended where a series of activities were announced, including aquatics classes in September.

Pat Dixon mentioned that she, John Allendorfer and Joy Nuell met to develop a proposal for Seniors in Action, a monthly gathering of seniors to discuss issues of housing, health, current events, etc.

Joy Nuell asked to agendize the Seniors in Action discussions.

Esther Baum suggested that a monthly update on housing availability be agendized.

Chair Walkup spoke about how it's been a pleasure to serve as Chair. He also raised concern that the pharmaceutical forum that is being organized by the Disabilities Advisory Board hasn't been scheduled. He spoke to the issue of transgender people being blocked from service in the military, and announced

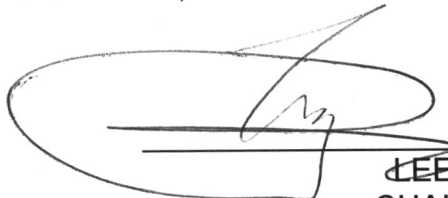
that the Gay Men's Chorus of L.A. stands with the Trans Chorus. He encouraged people to be vocal with representatives about support for Medicare/Medicaid.

13. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Staff announced that 1) the lot at the corner of Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Boulevard will be a flat parking lot, at least temporarily; 2) the annual training for Boards and Commissions will be held on September 5 from 6-8 PM in Council Chambers, and 3) the non-profit Calley Foundation (located across from Plummer Park) will offer free knitting workshops on Thursday afternoons for youth and seniors.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 2 PM at the Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



LEE WALKUP,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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