

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, August 23, 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 John Allendorfer at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pat Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Barbara Krupa

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Bernice Levin moved to adjourn in memory of those killed and injured in  
Charlottesville.

Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of Heather Heyer.

Lee Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of the fourteen people killed in  
Barcelona.

Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Jerry Lewis and Dick Gregory.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, Chair of the Human Services Commission, shared the article,  
"So Lonely I Could Die" and encouraged everyone to participate in the survey for  
the strategic plan of the Age-Friendly Initiative.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident, spoke about reasonable accommodation  
regarding the City's bikeshare program and thanked the SAB member who  
spoke at the City Council meeting about it.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE AND OVERVIEW

Nancy Desser, the Activities Coordinator at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced September activities and new arts programming on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays.

B. APLA HEALTH – DENTAL SERVICES

Dr. Steven J. Vitero, DDS/Dental Director at APLA Health/Gleicer-Chen Health Center, outlined services they offer and announced that a big change took place two years ago which opened such services to everyone, and not only those with HIV/AIDS. Clients who are West Hollywood residents receive free services at any of their four facilities.

Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke under Public Comment, stating he was unaware of these important services, and raised concern that PAWS/LA's services are only available for people who are HIV+ or disabled seniors.

C. SENIORS IN ACTION

The Board members unanimously approved the idea to begin a series of monthly gatherings of seniors to discuss various topics of interest. Staff will follow-up and report back at the next SAB meeting.

D. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN

Leslie Isenberg led initial discussion of the Board's workplan by surveying the past year's calendar of agenda items. Discussion of particulars will continue in the coming months.

Michael Wojtkielewicz spoke under Public Comment about the Disabilities Advisory Board's plans for a pharmaceutical pricing forum, and suggested that the Senior Advisory Board learn about the Council's priorities and goals.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Esther Baum suggested that the Council's plan for Board and Commission tours of senior housing include a priority for the Senior Advisory Board's participation.

Sophia Gelman spoke of her interest in establishing a museum of historical memorabilia from City constituents.

Pat Dixon mentioned a film that she saw recently, "Baby Steps", that she thought might be something the City would be interested in screening in the future.

Lee Walkup raised the following items:

- Including tricycles in the City's bikeshare program
- Tonight's introduction of WeHo Arts and Getty programming at the library
- WeHoville article on Ruth Williams, and possibly future articles featuring other City seniors.
- Señor Plummer play at Plummer Park
- Single-payer bill is now dead for this legislative year
- Housing for young people in Los Angeles

William McNeeley asked about food programs for seniors.

Chair Allendorfer announced six classes starting in the Fall for seniors that are part of the City's "Be Well Weho" program. Flyers for those were distributed.

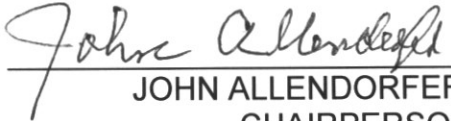
Bernice Levin distributed a flyer about a senior/youth project from the organization Sages & Seekers.

13. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Staff announced two upcoming programs that all Boardmembers are encouraged to attend: 1) a training on Tuesday, September 5 from 6-8 PM and 2) the Annual Congress on Monday, October 30 from 6-9 PM. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

  
JOHN ALLENDORFER,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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