

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2018

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 Joy Nuell 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, Sofia Gelman,  
Bernice Levin, William McNeeley, Joy Nuell, and Lee  
Walkup

Absent: Michael Hollingsworth

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Vice-Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of journalist Jamal  
Khashoggi.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts, member of the Disabilities Advisory Board, invited everyone to the  
annual Disabilities Service Awards at the televised meeting at 6 PM tonight in  
Council Chambers.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY

The Board received an update from Corri Planck, Manager of the Strategic  
Initiatives Division, on the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative. She  
presented the draft Year Two Evaluation of the initiative, and received approval  
from the Board to add a domain of emergency preparedness for the upcoming  
year.

## B. SENIORS IN ACTION

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, reviewed the successful completion of the six-month pilot program of Seniors in Action (SiA). SiA was developed in conjunction with the Senior Advisory Board as a means to address isolation and loneliness among older adults through monthly gatherings in a format that includes a short TED Talk followed by discussion and activities. The program has seen an average of 20 people in attendance each month. SiA will continue under the auspices of Social Services through the end of the year and then will be administered by Valentina Aleksandrova and Mandi Carpenter of JFS/West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center's Activities Department starting in January 2019.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activities Coordinator for the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced upcoming classes, movies, lectures, and excursions.

### B. WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (THE WALLIS) PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Debra Pasqualette, Manager of Community Engagement, introduced The Wallis' programs including "Dancing Through Parkinsons" and the Community Partner Program.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## 11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Sofia Gelman thanked the City for the new transit program that will replace the taxi program in January.

Esther Baum proposed that a future agenda item address increased programming for seniors on the westside.

Lee Walkup encouraged everyone to vote, and recommended stonewalldems.org for recommendations. He also announced four upcoming holiday performances by the Gay Men's Chorus.

William McNeeley asked for an update at a future meeting on the progress of West Hollywood Park renovations, in particular what will be offered for seniors.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer thanked Debra Pasqualette for her presentation and looks forward to working together with her.

Chair Nuell suggested that a phone number be created for seniors to call to learn about their benefits. She also would like to learn about the City's plans for the lot

at Santa Monica and Crescent Heights. Lastly, she requested that staff provide a list of the Board's accomplishments over the past two years.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following announcements:

a) Saturday, November 10 from 10 AM – Noon: The AB1234 Ethics Training will be held in the West Hollywood Library Community Room. The training can also be completed online before December 31.

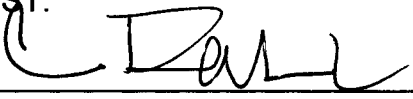
b) Wednesday, November 28 from 6-9 PM: The Board and Commission Annual Congress will be held in the West Hollywood Auditorium, followed by a presentation in the Council Chambers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Jamal Khashoggi at 4:00 PM to its next meeting on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018** beginning at **2 PM** in the **Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.**

  
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JOY NUEL, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
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STAFF LIAISON

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