

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

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 and began the meeting by reading a Martin Luther King Day tribute poem by Sofia Gelman.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michael Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sofia Gelman, Bernice Levin, Michael Hollingsworth, Joy Nuell, and Lee Walkup

Absent: William McNeeley

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Vice-Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Kaye Ballard and Carol Channing.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Division Manager, introduced the staff of the new division. Elizabeth Anderson, Program Administrator for the Division, and former Human Services Commissioner, gave a brief background of her previous work with the City of Santa Monica.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK UPDATE

Christina Sarkees, Senior Project Management Supervisor, Facilities and Recreation Services, gave a PowerPoint update on Phase II of the development and construction of West Hollywood Park.

B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activities Coordinator for the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, distributed the new quarterly Senior Spotlight newsletter, and announced upcoming classes, movies, lectures, and excursions.

C. JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE - WEST HOLLYWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES CENTER

Mandi Carpenter, Manager of Arts, Wellness, and Engagement Programming for Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles addressed several questions that have been raised by the Board. She explained that the City pays for buses that are needed for senior excursions which enables the WHCSC to keep costs to participants as low as possible. She also said that the Center hosts most of their events at Plummer Park because of its proximity, but looks forward to the possibility of more activities at the renovated West Hollywood Park. Lastly, she informed the Board that she and Valentina Aleksandrova have begun to take responsibility for Seniors in Action, starting with yesterday's event.

D. WEST HOLLYWOOD'S ALL AMERICAN CITY AWARD APPLICATION

Paulo Kespradit from the City Manager's Office made a presentation about the All American City Award and requested input from the Board on highlights of the City's efforts to embrace seniors as a population that is historically left out of decision-making. Esther Baum promoted the City's extensive transportation programs, the Seniors in Action activities, and the annual Senior Health Fair.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup made several announcements:

- Homeless Count in West Hollywood on January 24
- Second and final weekend for selection of delegates to the Democratic Convention in San Francisco in June
- Ivy Bottini is moving to Florida next week.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer mentioned that Councilmembers Horvath and Meister spoke at last night's Council meeting about Aging in Place and outreach to frail and homebound residents.

Esther Baum suggested that there be a phone friend program set up for seniors who may be isolated but want to converse on a regular basis.

Pat Dixon responded that the Senior Center makes daily calls to seniors to check-in on them. She suggested that perhaps placing an ad about this in the Senior Spotlight would help get the word out about it. She also reported that her experience with Dial-a-Ride was great while she was recovering, and that now she's enrolled in the On-Call Transportation Program.

Chair Nuell announced that tonight there is a program on Roe v. Wade at the National Council of Jewish Women, 543 N. Fairfax Ave.


Sofia Gelman suggested that a care facility for people with Alzheimers Disease be opened, since Partners Adult Day Center has been closed.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff announced that the annual Senior Valentine's Day Dance will be held on Thursday, February 14 from 3-5 PM at Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park. Tickets are available through Social Services.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Kaye Ballard and Carol Channing at 3:35 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.



JOY NUELL,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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