

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 26, 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

William McNeeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Sofia Gelman, Michael Hollingsworth, Bernice Levin, William McNeeley, Joy Nuell, and Lee Walkup

Absent: John Allendorfer and Pat Dixon

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

William McNeeley moved to adjourn in honor of the people of St. Thomas who are still without schools or traffic lights, a year after the hurricane. He also voted to adjourn in the memory of Cesar Torres, former general manager at Here Lounge.

Lee Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of Rev. Scott Imler.

Chair Nuell moved to adjourn in honor of those still affected by last year's hurricane in Puerto Rico.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

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

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lily Campbell, Emergency Management Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation as part of Emergency Preparedness Month which covered tips for emergency kits, creating support networks, and setting up receipt of benefits electronically. She also announced the annual Great ShakeOut on October 18 for earthquake preparedness which promotes "Drop, Cover & Hold On".

C. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, gave a report on the new on-call transportation service for senior and disabled community members that will replace the existing Taxi Subsidy Program. The new program will begin in January, and clients will be able to request a ride 24/7 by phone, smart phone or computer. The service area will cover a 10-mile radius of the City which was the maximum distance for 90% of the trips taken in the past. Fares will be slightly lower and there will be no swipe card as the fare will be deducted electronically at the conclusion of each trip.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcy Norton, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, attended the Community Study Kick-Off along with Esther Baum on Tuesday, and encouraged everyone to fill out the Community Study survey to contribute input for this research.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Chair Nuell suggested that the Board discuss housing affordability and rent stabilization issues and concerns at a future meeting. Staff will look into agendizing this for a future agenda.

Esther Baum suggested that West Hollywood look at capping rent increases to 2% in the future if the COLA is higher than that amount. She also announced the League of Women Voters event on October 18.

Sofia Gelman attended a symposium on creative alternative housing design.

Lee Walkup made several announcements:

- Annual Board and Commission Training, tonight, at Council Chambers.
- Gay Men's Chorus-LA's October 13th concert with the GMC-Mexico City at the Alex Theater
- General election on November 6

William McNeeley attended the Seniors in Action event and expressed some disappointment with the turn-out and that there wasn't a break out activity.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff thanked William McNeeley for his feedback on Seniors in Action and announced that the October event will be the end of the six-month pilot program at which time additional feedback will be sought. Due to the success of the program overall, it has been scheduled through December.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Cesar Torres and Rev. Scott Imler and in honor of the people of St. Thomas and Puerto Rico at 3:45 PM to its next meeting on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018** beginning at **2 PM in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.**



JOY NUEL, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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