

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 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.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Diane Kahn-Epstein led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg and Corey Roskin

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Lee Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of an anonymous member of the Gay Men's Chorus and in honor of his friend Irving Venegas who became a U.S. citizen.

John Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of the people who died in the recent attacks in Sri Lanka.

Joy Nuell moved to adjourn in honor of Bernice Levin who has resigned from the Senior Advisory Board and in remembrance of her many years of service to the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 27, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Kahn-Epstein, Temporary Program Administrator Strategic Initiatives Division, encouraged the SAB to fill out the special evaluation survey for the Aging in Place/Aging in Community program that was sent out to City board and commission members. In addition, she asked that the SAB help to get out the word to the community about the survey.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activity Coordinator, provided an update on recent excursions and upcoming excursions, lectures and workshops.

B. COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION

Joshua Schare, Communications Manager, discussed the various ways that the City's Communications Division publicizes and promotes City programs, events and activities.

C. RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING PRESENTATION

Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, discussed the following: the differences in rent stabilization versus affordable housing; the factors used in determining the annual rent increase, the history and current status of the annual general adjustments for rent increases; and retrofitting of residential multi-unit buildings in West Hollywood.

Pat Dixon talked about a program in New York where individuals making under a specified annual amount per year don't incur annual rent increases.

Esther Baum indicated her desire to see annual rent increases in West Hollywood capped at 2%.

Peter Noonan indicated that he will follow up on some of the suggestions from the SAB. Additional discussion and follow up about rent increases will happen at a future SAB meeting.

D. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE

Corey Roskin provided an update regarding Senior Month (May) programming.

E. MAY TELEVISED MEETING AGENDA

Leslie Isenberg talked about the meeting agenda for the special televised meeting in May which will include the following: presentation of the Senior Month Award to Carole Cook & Tom Troupe; readings from "Senior Stories WeHo"; a public safety presentation from Captain Ramirez of the West

Hollywood Sheriff's Station; and a presentation from Francisco Contreras, the City's Innovation Manager, regarding the new bus shelters in the City.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup encouraged the SAB to take the online survey from LA Metro regarding a possible future subway line in West Hollywood.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer attended Seniors in Action on April 23 and said the discussion was around addiction and 18 people attended. He also indicated that he attended the meeting LA Metro held recently regarding the possible future subway line in West Hollywood.

William McNeeley announced that Rocco's sports bar at Santa Monica/San Vicente is now open.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg handed out a flyer about OLLI (Oster Lifelong Learning Institute).

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of the people who died in the recent attacks in Sri Lanka and the anonymous member of the Gay Men's Chorus; and in honor of Irving Venegas regarding his U.S. citizenship and Bernice Levin for her service on the Senior Advisory Board at 3:50 PM to its next special meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 beginning at 2 PM in the Council Chambers at the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



JOY NUELL,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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