

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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

William McNeeley 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

Absent: Bernice Levin

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of Chuck LeValle.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, liaison from the Human Services Commission, thanked the Board for their comments about the Social Services Division funding process that were delivered by Lee Walkup to the Commission.

Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Division, announced an intergenerational workshop "Making My Smartphone Work for Me!" that will be held at Plummer Park on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 from 4-5:30 PM. She also

encouraged the Board to fill out the evaluation survey that marks the third year of the Aging in Place/Aging in Community program.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activity Coordinator, distributed the new quarterly Spotlight newsletter and announced upcoming activities. She highlighted the new policy that will limit each resident to three trips per quarter which will provide more equitable participation. In addition, they can purchase an additional ticket for their guest.

B. CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER – COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Michele Rigsby-Pauley, Interim Associate Director for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Community Health and Education Program (CHEP), gave a PowerPoint presentation describing community programs for seniors offered by CHEP. There are over 13,000 participants per year. Monthly calendars are available, and she will add the emails of the Board to the calendar distribution list.

C. DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

David Kruskall, Independent Living Specialist-West Hollywood at the Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC), discussed programs for people with both visible and invisible disabilities offered by DCRC including their Home Secure Program. They develop Independent Living Plans which may include assistive technology devices, personal assistants, and home modifications.

D. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, gave an overview of the new on-call transportation service with Ambiance Transportation for residents 62 years and older or people of any age living with a disability. This program replaced the Taxi Subsidy Program in January 2019.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup reported on highlights of the Human Services Commission meeting where he gave a report on the Board's recommendations to the funding process.

He also announced the Gay Men's Chorus L.A Spring concerts on April 6 and 7, and offered a 15% discount for tickets purchased through him.

Sofia Gelman gave a letter to staff concerning a request for a bus stop at Fuller & Santa Monica Boulevard on the 704 line.

Esther Baum raised a suggestion about capping annual rent increases. This item will be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer attended the Seniors in Action event yesterday which had 20 attendees. He requested a future Board discussion on demographics that will be reported in the forthcoming updated Demographics Report.

Pat Dixon requested an update from the committee on which she served regarding updated signage at bus stops, technology, etc.

William McNeeley noted the increase in car break-ins so another future agenda item will be with Public Safety.

Michael Hollingsworth raised the issue of communication and outreach regarding the many services the City offers.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer said that the Human Services Commission established a Public Relations subcommittee to address communication and outreach, and reported that the City gets the word out in many ways but the residents may not always pay attention to the publicity.

Marcy Norton, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, reported that the car burglaries have recently decreased due to the arrest of Oakland gang members who travelled throughout the state. She also advised not leaving valuables visible inside the car.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff announced that the Senior Month flyers and calendars will be available soon, and that the Senior Month Subcommittee will be meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 to further develop plans.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Chuck LeValle at 3:45 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 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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