

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

Council Chambers

625 N. San Vicente 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

Vice-Chair John Allendorfer 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, Corey Roskin, David Giugni, Francisco Gomez and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Vice-Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Doris Day and Tim Conway.

William McNeeley moved to adjourn in memory of the young man found deceased in the City.

Lee Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of Craig Woodbury, President Emeritus of the Gay Men's Chorus.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. BOARDMEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS

The Board members provided brief introductions and talked about their involvement on the Board. Some of the specific comments made by the Board included the following:

Esther Baum suggested that the Senior Discount program be reinstated.

Sofia Gelman read a poem that she wrote for her six great grandchildren.

Lee Walkup encouraged people to take an interest in West Hollywood, the creative City.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer aims to help seniors live their lives fully.

Chair Nuell spoke about affordable housing as a priority.

Pat Dixon thanked the staff for helping to make the City the best place to age gracefully.

William McNeeley encouraged people to join a Board. He loves the City and its incredible affordable housing programs.

Michael Hollingsworth attended the Senior Health Fair and is amazed to see what the City offers to seniors to improve their quality of life.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Reid, resident, in honor of Harvey Milk on his birthday today, proposed that West Hollywood Park be renamed West Hollywood Pride Park for all people.

Diane Kahn-Epstein, Temporary Program Administrator Strategic Initiatives Division, encouraged everyone to complete the Aging in Place surveys by May 31 on-line or on printed copies which are available in English and Russian at City Hall, Plummer Park, and West Hollywood Park.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH AWARDS PRESENTATION TO CAROLE COOK AND TOM TROUPE

Mayor Pro Tempore Horvath and Councilmembers Meister and Duran congratulated Carole Cook and Tom Troupe on their Senior Month Award and thanked them for their decades of service with AIDS organizations.

B. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE AND OVERVIEW

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an overview of the events and activities held during Senior Month.

C. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Mikie Friedman read "332 Bed A" from the 2019 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

D. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Mandi Carpenter, Manager of Arts, Wellness & Engagement Programming at Jewish Family Service, announced upcoming programs and classes offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTATION FROM CAPTAIN EDWARD RAMIREZ

The Board received a presentation from the new Captain of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, Captain Edward Ramirez. He reported on traffic operations and crime statistics.

F. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Stewart Prosis read "The Story of Schubert and Stewart" from the 2019 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

G. SMART BUS SHELTERS

Francisco Contreras, Innovations Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new Smart Bus Shelters in the City which enliven the streetscape while providing amenities such as free wifi, charging stations, real-time arrivals visually (including in Braille) and audibly, and lighting canopies. In smaller spaces, kiosks will offer the same amenities. The timeframe for installation is by the end of the year.

H. SENIOR STORIES WEHO

Barbara Meltzer read "Improvisation Can Delight...And Set You Free" from the 2019 "Senior Stories WeHo" publication.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Michael Hollingsworth praised the West Hollywood Recovery Center.

William McNeeley encouraged seniors to attend the next Seniors in Action gathering on Tuesday, June 25th.

Pat Dixon encouraged people to volunteer and donate to the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition which provides hot meals every evening.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer invited people to attend the Pride kick-off event tonight where he will be a reader in the "Dear Harvey" production. He applauded the City for providing eviction assistance.

Lee Walkup announced that in August, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of World Pride and Stonewall, the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will perform in New York City, including on June 27 at Carnegie Hall.

Sofia Gelman spoke as the only immigrant on the Board, who has become a writer and poet with the encouragement of the City.

Esther Baum spoke about adding Dial-a-Ride service on weekends and limiting rental increases for seniors to 2%.

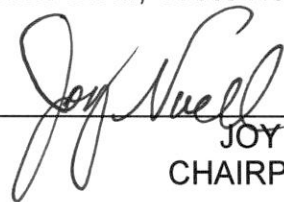
12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff will forward Esther Baum's requests to appropriate City staff.

Staff acknowledged the many years of service that Bernice Levin gave to the Board and to the City.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Doris Day, Tim Conway, Craig Woodbury, and the young man found deceased in the City at 3:30 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



JOY NUELLE,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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