

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 Michael Hollingsworth at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Esther Baum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

John Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Jerry Epstein.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Zachary Gaidzik, field deputy for County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, introduced himself to the Board and encouraged them to reach out to him with any questions for their office.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activity Coordinator, reported on the past month's successful events. She also announced upcoming programs and classes offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

B. LA WORKS/RSVP (RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM)

Nahtahna Cabanes, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships/Director of RSVP, gave a presentation on the positive benefits of volunteering for seniors and various volunteer opportunities designed to tap into the experience, skills and wisdom of those age 55 and better.

C. SENIOR SCAMS

Ann Stahl, former Senior Investigator for the Federal Trade Commission, gave a presentation highlighting the top categories of senior scams from among the three million reports that the FTC received. She encouraged people to contact them for help or to report scams at consumer.ftc.gov or 877-FTC-HELP.

D. RENT STABILIZATION ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL RENT INCREASES

Alicen Bartle, Project Development Administrator in the City's Rent Stabilization & Housing Division, gave an overview of the Rent Stabilization Annual Report and addressed questions about the annual rent increases.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Martin Strudler announced that Maimonedes Academy is willing to offer a series of three art classes after the first of the year.

Esther Baum shared an announcement from Marcy Norton of the Public Safety Commission that they will host a program on emergency safety on Monday, September 9 at Plummer Park. Free pizza will be served.

Boardmembers thanked Esther Baum for hosting a fabulous National Night Out event.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer attended the Seniors in Action on Tuesday, August 27 which had an attendance of 30 people, after being advertised daily on WeHo Access TV and in Wehoville.com. He announced that this evening there will be a screening of "The Advocates", a film on homelessness, in Council Chambers.

Pat Dixon spoke about the new rental assistance program offered by the Alliance for Housing & Healing. Corey Roskin announced that the agency will make a presentation on the program at the September Senior Advisory Board meeting.

Joy Nuell reported that she spoke to Bernice Levin, former Boardmember, and reported that she is doing well but misses everyone.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following announcements:

- City Council meeting to discuss the RFPs for the Social Services contracts on September 23, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Council Chambers
- Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions on September 11 from 6 – 8:30 PM at Council Chambers
- Disabilities Advisory Board's Resource Fair on October 17 from 9 AM – noon at Plummer Park
- AARP Regional Roundtable on September 26 from 10 AM – 3 PM at West Hollywood Library. The AARP is allowing at least one SAB member to attend and SAB members who expressed interest were Allendorfer, Baum, Dixon, Hollingsworth and Nuell. Corey Roskin will follow up regarding the coordination of SAB participation.

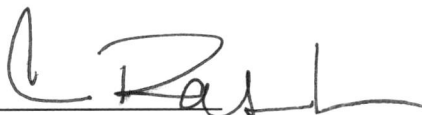
13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Jerry Epstein at 3:40 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.


MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



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