

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

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

Martin Strudler 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

Members absent: Sofia Gelman

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin, and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stewart Lozano, Field Representative for Assemblymember Richard Bloom, announced an upcoming bill package, and encouraged everyone to participate in the Census, either on-line or by mail. His West Hollywood City Hall business hours are Fourth Wednesdays from 12 Noon – 2 PM (just before the Senior Advisory Board meetings) in the Rent Stabilization Conference Room.

Dan Morin, resident, spoke about the incredible work of Corey Roskin who will be missed when he retires next month.

Larry Block, Chair of the Public Facilities Commission, invited people to submit nominations for the upcoming City Green Awards. He also spoke about the passing of Jeanne Dobrin, and encouraged the Senior Advisory Board to advocate for seniors to age in place and community.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activity Coordinator, gave an overview of the past month's events and announced upcoming programs and classes offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, including the newly-revamped Conversation Café for English learners.

B. ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT TO THE CLIMATE ACTION & ADAPTATION PLAN (CAAP) WORKING GROUP

Robyn Eason, Senior Sustainability Planner, on the CAAP working group made a presentation to the Senior Advisory Board about the City's efforts to decrease its carbon footprint and requested representatives from the Board to participate in four bi-monthly meetings. John Allendorfer volunteered to be the representative and Pat Dixon will be the alternate.

C. TRANSIT SERVICES UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, gave an overview and update of the City's very successful Transit Services. With the new fully-subsidized bus pass program for Seniors and Disabled, all services are free-of-charge, with the exception of the low-cost On-Call Transportation Program. All programs have seen significant increases in ridership in the past year.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Morin, resident, commended the City for its incredible transit programs, but raised concern about residents who aren't familiar with the whole array of services.

Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commissioner and liaison to the Senior Advisory Board, mentioned that the City will be mailing a tri-lingual Social Services brochure soon to all residents.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Joy Nuell asked about Sofia Gelman's membership on the Board.

Lee Walkup reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday, March 3, and that there are endorsements from the Stonewall and West Hollywood/Beverly Hills Democratic Clubs.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer announced that the Census count will begin on April 1. He attended the Seniors in Action gathering as well as the Senior Valentine Dance and the Senior Health Fair subcommittee meeting.

Pat Dixon suggested that transit programs be listed in the Recreation Reader that is mailed to all residents.

Esther Baum suggested that a one-sheet of transit programs be designed for distribution at National Night Out and the Senior Health Fair. She announced that she has been chosen by Congressman Adam Schiff as Woman of the Year and that she will be honored on March 16.

Chair Hollingsworth suggested that transit services be printed on a refrigerator magnet for easy referral.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.

DocuSigned by:  
*Michael Hollingsworth*  
MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:  
DocuSigned by:  
*Leslie Iseberg*  
STAFF LIAISON

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