

**MINUTES
OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024
2:00 PM**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dixon Called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Board Member Carrel, Board Member Hollingsworth,
Board Member Leroy, Board Member Schemanski,
Board Member Sutton, Board Member Walkup, Vice-
Chair Allendorfer, Chair Dixon

Absent: Board Member Holguin

Also Present: Becca Lubin, Strategic Initiatives Program
Administrator, Francisco Gomez, Strategic Initiatives
Program Administrator, Joyce Britton, Administrative
Specialist

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Scott Schemanski led the Pledge.

C. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Richard Leroy and Dean Schemanski were sworn in as Older Adults
Advisory Board Members by Vice-Mayor Chelsea Byers.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: *The Older Adults Advisory Board approved the agenda of the
the April 24, 2024, meeting. Motioned by Board Member
Hollingsworth, seconded by Board Member Walkup and approved
unanimously by roll call vote.*

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: *The Older Adults Advisory approved the minutes of the March
27, 2024 meeting. Motioned by Board Member Walkup, seconded by
Board Member Hollingsworth and approved unanimously by roll
call vote.*

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts, a West Hollywood resident, extended congratulations to the new Board members on their swearing-in. He expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming Older Adults Health Fair on May 21 and informed the Board that the Disabilities Advisory Board will convene at 6 pm at Plummer Park, Rooms 5 & 6, extending an invitation to attend.

Joseph Green from West Hollywood discussed his participation in the mental health clusters meetings with the County. He referred to legislation that supports the care of individuals with HIV and the financial support the program receives from state and local governments. Additionally, he mentioned the upcoming revitalization of the Older Americans Act, which will benefit both older adults and the LGBT community.

Vice-Mayor Byers congratulated the newly sworn-in Board members and expressed gratitude for their contributions. She specifically thanked Vice-Chair Allendorfer for representing the Board in Sacramento, noting the impact of their efforts.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION UPDATE

Gloria Aviles, Acting Division Manager, updated the Older Adults Advisory Board on the work of the City's Rent Stabilization Division.

ACTION: Received Presentation and discussed.

B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

City Staff provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

ACTION: Received presentation.

C. 2024 OLDER ADULT AWARD RECIPIENTS

ACTION: The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update on the Older Adult Award nominees from the Older Adults Month subcommittee and selected Mikie Friedman and Steve Martin as recipients. **Motioned by Board Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Board Member Carrel and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

D. WEHO PRIDE 2024 PARADE PARTICIPATION

ACTION: The Older Adults Advisory Board requested volunteers for members interested in riding on the WeHo Pride Parade float on Sunday, June 2, 2024. Volunteers will be selected through a random drawing conducted by the City Clerk. Board Members Hollingsworth, Walkup, Schemanski, and Vice-Chair Allendorfer volunteered to participate.

3. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff addressed concerns about housing case management, highlighting that contracted Social Services agencies can provide those services. They mentioned plans to send a follow-up email with additional information.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Eyres, a West Hollywood resident, provided an update from the Human Services Commission on Older Adults Month, expressing the Commission's support. She also mentioned an update on the Holloway Motel project. Karen highlighted Jewish Family Service and the LA LGBT Center as services that can provide a variety of case management, emphasizing that they assist with needs beyond housing. She encouraged the Board to reach out at the first sign of housing instability, rather than waiting for eviction. Karen also mentioned a WeHo 40 pop-up event at the Aquatics and Recreation Center on April 27 from 11am to 2pm, providing information on the WeHo 40 strategic plan.

Rick Watts, a West Hollywood resident, emphasized the importance of the Older Adults Advisory Board and its collaborative efforts with other organizations to advocate for those who need their voices heard. He shared his experience attending the Legislative Advocacy event in Sacramento and highlighted how these issues impact the less fortunate and impoverished individuals.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Vice-Chair Allendorfer shared updates from Seniors in Action, noting a productive discussion. He announced that the next meeting will take place at the City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room at 2pm on May 21. Additionally, he provided a recap of his trip to Sacramento for Legislative Advocacy Day, where he represented the Older Adults Advisory Board.

Board Member Sutton emphasized the strength of coalitions. She encouraged the Board to actively engage in effecting change and to learn from one another.

Board Member Leroy thanked the Board for welcoming him.

Board Member Carrel discussed a recent event focused on water works, challenges, policies, and future changes. She noted that a recording of the session will be available for those interested, and she will share the information once it's accessible.

Board Member Hollingsworth greeted the new Board members and discussed a program offering discounts on Internet service. He cautioned that the program might be running out of funds and advised the Board to check with their cable/Internet provider.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer welcomed the new Board Members.

Board Member Walkup addressed the state legislature's impact on parking in the

City, highlighting instances of limited parking in critical areas. He emphasized the need to mobilize and ensure access to parking for new tenants moving into the City.

Board Member Schemanski expressed gratitude for the warm welcome. He shared that AT&T would be extending the Internet program for seniors for an additional six months.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned at 3:52 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at West Hollywood City Council Chambers, located at 625 N San Vicente Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 14th
DAY OF MAY, 2024.



PAT DIXON
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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