

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 Holguin, Board Member Leroy, Board Member Schemanski, Board Member Sutton, Board Member Walkup, Vice-Chair Allendorfer, Chair Dixon

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Member Schemanski led the Pledge.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** *The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda for the meeting on June 26, 2024. Item 2B was tabled to the next meeting.* **Motioned by Board Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Board Member Carrel and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** *The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Older Adult Advisory Board meeting.* **Motioned by Vice-Chair Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member Hollingsworth and approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 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.

**B. BET TZEDEK PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

*\*\*\*(This item was tabled to the next meeting)*

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update on services offered by Bet Tzedek, a legal services provider the City contracts with.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Received presentation.

**C. UPDATE ON THE HOLLOWAY INTERIM HOUSING PROGRAM**

City staff updated the Older Adults Advisory Board on the development of the Holloway Interim Housing Program.

**ACTION:** Received presentation.

**D. 2024 OLDER ADULTS MONTH OVERVIEW AND FEEDBACK**

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an overview of 2024 Older Adults Month programming and provide feedback to help inform next year's events.

**ACTION:** Received presentation and provided feedback.

**3. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Board Member Holguin raised two concerns. First, he asked about the rules for making comments on social media as a board member. Second, he mentioned the difficulty older adults face in seeing signage in West Hollywood, seeking ways to improve visibility for better navigation and locating addresses within businesses.

Board Member Sutton mentioned that her friend attended the City's Older Adults Month Health Fair and was very impressed by the event, screenings, and the presentations. She wanted to express her gratitude to the Board members for their efforts and looks forward to collaborating with them in the future.

Board Member Leroy suggested expanding the "Seniors in Action" program to include a monthly book club or film discussion. Board Member Leroy also raised concerns about pedestrian safety, noting that traffic lights are not set for slower

walkers. He requested that someone be brought in to discuss transportation and pedestrian safety in West Hollywood. Board Member Leroy also suggested bringing in an expert to teach older adults how to fall safely.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer expressed gratitude for the successful health fair, noting its positive impact on the community. He also shared an uplifting experience from the "Seniors in Action" meeting. Vice-Chair Allendorfer highlighted how important it is for seniors to have a place to go and interact with others, rather than just staying at home or participating online.

Board Member Hollingsworth reminded everyone that the On-Call Transportation program benefits expire on June 30 and do not roll over. He briefly explained the program, where participants can pay \$8 for \$50 worth of rides provided by rideshare providers. Allendorfer also suggested the need for programs to teach skills related to cell phone and computer use, as society increasingly relies on digital transactions.

Board Member Walkup shared his thoughts on AB 2449, legislation intended to allow virtual attendance at city meetings. He highlighted that the City of West Hollywood decided it does not apply to boards and commissions, a decision he disagrees with. He mentioned the need for exceptions, especially for those unable to attend in person occasionally. Board Member Walkup also discussed a housing issue, noting the state's requirement for housing elements with certain density standards. He expressed concerns about the potential for high-rise buildings disrupting low-density neighborhoods. He praised the City Council for working to address this issue. Lastly, he recommended the Leadership Academy, which he and other board members are attending, for its comprehensive overview of city operations and its benefits for understanding city functions and departments.

Board Member Schemanski thanked staff for the Civic Leadership classes, noting that they were very informative.

Chair Dixon suggested that board members attend Transportation Commission meetings and share some of the concerns they expressed. She also suggested that issues with signage be shared with the City Council.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

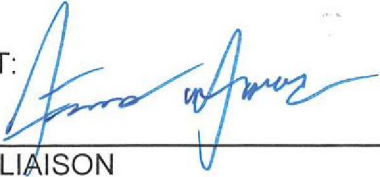
The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned at 3:12 PM to its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 24<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF JULY, 2024.

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PAT DIXON  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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