



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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025
2:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Allendorfer called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. and read the Land Acknowledgement

2. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Board Member Dixon
Board Member Hollingsworth
Board Member Leroy
Board Member Schemanski
Board Member Sutton
Board Member Walkup
Vice Chair Holguin
Chair Allendorfer

Absent: Board Member Carrel

ALSO

PRESENT: Becca Lubin, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator
Maribel Ulloa, Social Services Program Administrator
Joyce Britton, Recording Secretary, Administrative Specialist IV

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Victor Omelczenko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Older Adults Advisory Board was requested to approve the agenda for the meeting on March 26, 2025.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Wednesday, March 26, 2025. **Motion by Board Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Board Member Leroy and approved by roll call vote.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rick Watts emphasized shared public safety concerns between the Disability and Older Adults Advisory Boards, highlighting risks like fraud, assault, and sidewalk scooter hazards for individuals with disabilities. He stressed the growing importance of safety with age and voiced support for preparations for the Board's May meeting and awards.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

6.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

The Agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, March 26, 2025, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

ACTION: Received and approved.

6.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Older Adults Advisory Board was requested to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025, Older Adult Advisory Board special meeting.

ACTION: Received and approved. **Motion by Board Member Dixon to approve, seconded by Board Member Hollingsworth and approved by roll call vote.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.A. JFS COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE CENTER ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Marina Goldshteyn from Jewish Family Service Staff provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

ACTION: Received presentation.

8.B. LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update from staff on the City's Legislative Priorities. Hernan Molina discussed the City's legislative efforts in Sacramento, focusing on tenant related legislation, issues stemming from the Palisades and Eaton fires, and bills supported by the City.

ACTION: The Board expressed concern about changes to program funding, the future of Medi-Cal, and threats to the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 8.B:

Victor Omelczenko, thanked Hernan Molina for his report, noted the City Council approved the legislative work plan online, and encouraged the Advisory Board members to track Sacramento bills. He also shared his perspective on the Continuing Resolution to avoid a federal shutdown and emphasized the importance of advocacy beyond one's community.

8.C. EQUITABLE BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (EBPS) POLICY DEVELOPMENT

The Older Adults Advisory Board received a presentation from Long Range Planning staff, Christine Shen on Equitable Building Performance Standards.

ACTION: Board Members expressed concerns about landlords using improvements to remove long-term residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 8.C:

Victor Omelczenko, a long-time West Hollywood resident, emphasized the financial challenges of addressing climate change. He expressed concern about limited federal funding given current policies and highlighted the importance of local action through the

city's Climate Action Plan. Mr. Omelczenko brought up the City's seismic retrofitting program and differences in the number of elevators in affordable housing buildings.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

9.A. OLDER ADULT ADVISORY BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Older Adult Advisory Board received an update from the Sub-Committee and voted for the 2025 Older Adults Month honorees. The Board nominees were Richard Colbert and Larry Block.

ACTION: The Older Adults Advisory Board Members majority voted Richard Colbert by a vote of 6-2.

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff provided updates on recent City Council changes and community outreach plans. The Council approved reducing the number of at-large advisory board appointees from four to two, decreasing the total advisory board members from nine to seven. Staff will provide updates as they become available. There is interest in conducting outreach at Plummer Park and potentially alternating with West Hollywood Park. Staff will prepare a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer for monthly outreach. Coordination will involve Seeds of Hope: Food distribution at Plummer Park every Tuesday from 10 AM to 12 PM and Jewish Family Services: Senior congregate meals. Staff will finalize outreach schedules based on volunteer availability and provide brochures or flyers for distribution.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Watts, shared concerns regarding public safety issues for people living with a disability and discussed construction noise.

John Mones inquired how Long-Range Planning's plan will affect condominiums.

Victor Omelczenko spoke on various topics.

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Board Member Sutton asked staff to share information on One Generation (Since 1978, One Generation has enriched the lives of older adults and families. In May, for Older Adult Month, they'll host a workshop on saving energy and money on utilities.)

Board Member Schemanski thanked everyone.

Board Member Leroy requested a rep. from Recreation speak with the Advisory board and advocated for walk signals before traffic lights change.

Board Member Walkup expressed concern about national and state politics and the challenges facing seniors and older adults.

Board Member Hollingsworth echoed Board Member Walkup.

Vice Chair Holguin asked staff to share information about Robb Peters' memorial.


Chair Allendorfer emphasized the need to hear from Recreation.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned to its regular meeting which will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at City Hall, Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2025.



JOHN ALLENDORFER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST


STAFF LIAISON

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