



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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025
2:00 PM – SPECIAL TELEVISED MEETING**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
625 N. SAN VICENTE BLVD.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 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 Carrel
Board Member Dixon
Board Member Leroy
Board Member Schemanski
Board Member Sutton
Vice Chair Holguin
Chair Allendorfer

Absent: Board Member Hollingsworth
Board Member Walkup

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

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ritch Colbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda for the meeting on May 14, 2025.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Wednesday, May 14, 2025, as amended. **Motion by Board Member Dixon, seconded by Board Member Leroy and approved by roll call vote, noting the absence of Board Member Hollingsworth and Board Member Walkup.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Karen Eyres addressed the impact of medical service cuts on older adults and individuals living with HIV. She highlighted the ongoing efforts by the City and the Human Services Commission to ensure these vital services continue to be provided.

Rick Watts congratulated honoree Ritch Colbert and emphasized the importance of protecting democracy. He expressed gratitude to the Board for organizing the awards and encouraged them to remain steadfast in advocating for the rights of older adults.

Councilmember Erickson expressed gratitude to the Board for their dedication to serving the community and preserving the unique spirit of West Hollywood. He highlighted ongoing investments in Social Services that address vital community needs and extended congratulations to the honoree and the Board for their impactful efforts.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR: The following routine matters can be acted upon by one motion. Individual items may be removed by the Older Adults Advisory Board for separate discussion. Items removed for separate discussion will be heard following Unfinished Business Items. The title is deemed to be read and further reading waived of any ordinance listed on the consent calendar for introduction or adoption.

6.A. POSTING OF AGENDA:

SUBJECT: The agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, May 14, 2025, was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the Sheriff's Station, and at the West Hollywood Library on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

ACTION: Received and filed.

6.B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SUBJECT: The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the prior Board meeting.

ACTION: Approved the minutes of April 23, 2025. **Motioned by Boardmember Carrel and seconded by Vice-Chair Holguin and approved by a roll call vote noting the absence of Board Member Hollingsworth and Board Member Walkup.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.A. 2025 OLDER ADULT SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION

SUBJECT: The Older Adults Advisory Board presented the 2025 Older Adult Service Award to honoree, Richard Colbert.

ACTION: Mayor Byers and Vice-Chair Holguin presented the Older Adult Service Award to Richard Colbert.

8.B. JFS COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE CENTER ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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

ACTION: Received presentation.

8.C. THE WEST HOLLYWOOD CARE TEAM

SUBJECT: The Older Adults Advisory Board received a presentation from Ayana Rose of the West Hollywood Care Team.

ACTION: Received presentation.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff expressed appreciation to the Board for their contributions over the past year and shared information about a partnership with the Clean Power Alliance. They invited the Board to attend a workshop on Thursday, May 15, at 10:00 AM in the Doheny Room of the Aquatics and Recreation Center.

Staff also noted that reappointments have been postponed to the next meeting and congratulated Board Member Dixon on her upcoming recognition next week.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Watts emphasized the importance of seniors staying active in the community and commended the Board for their dedication to serving others.

13. ITEMS FROM BOARD AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Board Member Sutton shared her experience as co-founder of Paws LA and highlighted the organization's valuable contributions to supporting the community.

Board Member Carrel expressed gratitude for being a long-time resident of West Hollywood and thanked the Board and Council for their efforts. She reflected on her 30 years of involvement in senior care and acknowledged the Human Services department for their guidance and support.

Board Member Leroy thanked the Board and voiced concerns about the lack of opportunities to question certain decisions, specifically mentioning the privatization of city parks.

Board Member Dixon expressed appreciation for living in West Hollywood, noting how the city's services, such as transportation and groups like Jewish Family Services, make aging easier. She concluded by sharing an inspiring poem by George Bernard Shaw.

Board Member Schemanski thanked the City for the opportunity to serve and emphasized the importance of aging in place and community security. He also advocated for mentoring and sharing professional knowledge to benefit others.

Vice-Chair Holguin reflected on his early years in West Hollywood and celebrated the City for its services. He highlighted his dedication to giving back as both a property owner and business owner and encouraged residents to make full use of the resources available.

Chair Allendorfer expressed gratitude to the Board and staff for their efforts and shared memories of attending meetings and workshops in his early years in the City. He encouraged everyone, regardless of age, to pursue opportunities to serve on boards, commissions, or in public office. He also expressed interest in increased use of the art building on the West side and invited people to attend the Older Adults Advisory Board's monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday.

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned at 3:23 pm in memory of the women and children dying in the Middle East to its regular meeting which will be held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 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 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

Signed by:


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JOHN ALLENDORFER
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST: Signed by:


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STAFF LIAISON

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