

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2012  
COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6  
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90046

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Krupa.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sofiya Gelman, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schiochet, A. Lee Walkup.

Members absent: None

Staff present: Daphne Dennis

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Dennis stated that the agenda was posted at all the usual places.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Krupa stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

City Councilmembers were not able to attend the meeting.

V. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER AND THE ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Yelena Miller announced the remaining excursions to be held in May and June and urged people to take part in the classes held at the Community Center. Tickets still available for the Bolshoi Ballet and the County Arboretum.

Marina Berkman spoke about the various services which are available at the Comprehensive Services Center, including the CONNECT program, which matches people who need assistance with transportation with volunteers.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Jeff Book discussed the statewide and county initiatives on the June ballot and provided information about the ways in which the "open" primary differs from those previously held in California.

B. Steve Wayland of PAWS/LA spoke about the research which continues to show the value of caring for companion animals and the positive physical and mental health benefits which pet owners demonstrate. He also spoke about the variety of services available for community members and their pets.

C. Perri Sloane Goodman presented the proposed changes to the Cityline route and asked for suggestions from the Board about ways to make the map more user-friendly. The goal of the proposed changes is to shorten the time between busses and make the route--and thus the map--more easily understandable.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oleg Kagan discussed programming, book clubs, and special events to be held at the West Hollywood library.

VIII. READINGS FROM SENIOR MOMENTS: John Simons read his selection "Finding Love" and Rita White read her selection "Mother Goose Revisited" from the annual publication *Senior Moments*.

IX. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis asked the Board to RSVP if they would like to ride on the CSW parade float. She announced the Volunteen Awards event to be

held on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Rooms 5 and 6 at Plummer Park to honor the teen scholarship recipients and teens who have volunteered in the community.

Leslie Isenberg thanked the Board for its assistance in planning and volunteering at the Senior Month events and reported the large number of people who took advantage of the health screenings this year at the Senior Health Fair.

X. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Sofia Gelman reported that it is possible that the ESL classes taught by Westside Adult School will be cancelled this summer.

Ric Rickles urged Barbara Krupa to read her piece from *Senior Moments*, "My Friend, Anita", which she did.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on June 27, 2012 in the Community Conference Room at City Hall.

  
Chairperson – Barbara Krupa