

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, March 28, 2012

City Hall

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 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 Schoichet, Lee Walkup

Staff present: Daphne Dennis

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Daphne 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.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 29, 2012 meeting were approved.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER'S ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser reported on excursions and events for April. Board members indicated an interest in the Brain Fitness class and Nancy said she would check into what the status of ownership of the materials used.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sheriffs' Captain Kelley Fraser met with the Board to discuss how they can maintain their own personal safety and enhance the safety of their neighborhoods in partnership with law enforcement. She urged the Board to avoid "crimes of opportunity": be aware of surroundings, don't leave items in plain sight in cars, lock doors, use window locks, shred mail, and be wary of phone or door-to-door solicitations. She encouraged the members to call the Sheriffs if they observe something unusual in their neighborhoods.

- B. Corey Roskin reported on the events planned for the City's participation in "The Big Read" of *Fahrenheit 451*. He distributed copies of the book made available to the City by the NEA as part of the observances.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Perri Sloane Goodman reported on the status of changes to the Cityline route, which are expected to move forward this summer or early fall. Little-used stops will be eliminated and the route simplified. Ms. Goodman also discussed the City's application for federal funding to add a rush hour Cityline from West Hollywood to Hollywood and Highland for Red Line connection—similar to the old DASH route which was eliminated by LA City.
- B. The Board reviewed activities planned for Senior Month, the luncheon on May 2 at Fiesta Hall and the Senior Health Fair on May 16 and announced that Barbara Hammaker and Nadia Sutton are this year's honorees. A third honoree will be announced soon. Members discussed what should be included on the agenda, suggesting PAWS/LA and the Senior Center, in addition to the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem and members of the City Council.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Daphne Dennis announced that submissions for Senior Moments are still being accepted and to please submit them to Corey Roskin.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Muriel Schoichet told the Board that her husband was the attorney responsible for the court case which successfully defended a book store's owner's right to sell Henry Miller's "*Tropic of Cancer*" in a landmark anti-censorship decision.

Ric Rickles praised the Gay Men's Chorus performance at the First Congregational Church featuring the huge pipe organ.

Esther Baum also praised the concert and told the Board that there is a pipe organ recital each Thursday at 12:10 at the Church.

Lee Walkup reminded the Board about the Women in Leadership Awards event to be held that evening beginning at 6 p.m. at the Phyllis Morris gallery.

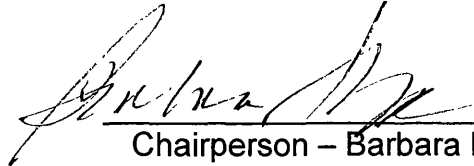
Board members asked that the loss of parking spaces on San Vicente Boulevard between Melrose and Santa Monica Blvd. be addressed at a future meeting. Board members indicated a need for disabled parking spaces closer to the Library than those in the parking structure and suggested that spaces be created on west side of San Vicente where there used to be parking.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Arrigo reported that he had just come from an ACCESS Board meeting where the fraudulent use of cards was discussed. He suggested that Nicole Cavallini be invited to speak at the televised May Board meeting. She is ACCESS' travel trainer. Mr. Arrigo also indicated that Ms. Cavallini is advocating with METRO to add a 704 stop at Fuller and Santa Monica Blvd.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.

  
Chairperson – Barbara Krupa