

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, February 29, 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 Dixon.

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 January 25, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

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 March. Ric Rickles requested that there be a step stool for bus access. Nancy indicated that some of the bus companies resist using step stools due to liability issues, but said she would check into it further.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Leslie Isenberg reported on the City's efforts to end chronic homelessness in the City. She described the process of establishing our vulnerability registry, the annual census of people who are homeless and the Shelter

plus Care “housing first” approach. Leslie encouraged residents to call the Sheriffs to report situations with people who are homeless, providing as much detail about the person and location as possible. Residents can also call our Division during business hours and we can arrange for the PATH Outreach team to engage with the person.

Robert Boller from Project Angel Food reported on home-delivered meals available for residents disabled by AIDS or other life-threatening illness. He also reviewed opportunities for volunteering at their kitchen.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Steve Gratwick reported on the LA Gay and Lesbian Center’s programs for Seniors. The Center received a multi-year grant from the federal Department of Aging to develop a model for services for LGBT Seniors. There are classes, excursions, special events, support groups and case management services available at The Village site.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Daphne Dennis announced the pet vaccination clinic to be held at City Hall.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup announced the March 24-25 concerts of the Gay Men’s Chorus, to be held at the First Congregational Church at 6th and Commonwealth. The concert will feature the Church’s pipe organ.


Ric Rickles praised the growth of programs for Seniors at the Center and recalled the days when there was very little offered.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts praised the work of Project Angel Food. He commented on plans to upgrade 42 crosswalks in the City. He announced that he is running for Democratic Central Committee. He announced the Stonewall Democratic Club’s fund raiser.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.


Chairperson – Barbara Krupa