

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2012
COMMUNITY CENTER AT PLUMMER PARK
7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90046
TELEVISED MEETING**

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

Members absent: None

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. Barbara Krupa requested that the Board adjourn in memory of Rae Mitchell and thanked all those who reached out to her in the last few weeks of her life and attended the lovely memorial service.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 30, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disability Advisory Board, spoke about heightened public safety concerns in the wake of the arson fires and praised 24 Hour Fitness staff and first responders for their quick action treating a person in need.

II. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser discussed an upcoming presentation from staff about Cityline route changes, a stroke prevention lecture, excursions to Descanso Gardens and Cirque du Soliel. She encouraged people to check on the various classes offered at the Center.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Deputy Jerry Paredes introduced Virginia Kennedy, John Hatfield, John Lee and Dave Kester, members of the Sheriffs COPPS team. The Deputies can be reached by calling (310) 855-8850 extension 427. This team is dedicated to community-oriented policing and problem-solving and works closely with community members, business, and social services to address quality of life issues.

B. Walter Davis, from the City's Long-range Planning and Mobility Division, returned to SAB to review what changes the City is considering at various intersections and pedestrian crossings which he discussed with the Board at its November meeting. He explained about options for "Walk" "Don't Walk" buttons which light up and are audible, lighted signage indicating pedestrian crossing, street striping and lights in the roadway, and various changes to landscaping.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Melissa Tillman from National Council of Jewish Women spoke about programs and volunteer opportunities available. Bonnie Paster, a volunteer who reads to young children at Gardner Street School, spoke about what a wonderful experience it has been. Dawn Singer spoke about the Women Helping Women Counseling Talkline (which is open to all—male or female—and has male and female volunteers.) A training for the Talkline volunteer program will begin in June and continues for 10 weeks.

B. The Board decided that Barbara Krupa, Pat Dixon, Ric Rickles and Bernice Levin will serve this year on the Senior Board's Activity Subcommittee. Muriel Schoichet indicated her interest as a "back-up" if others are not available.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Sofia Gelman announced that ESL classes are being discontinued. (Daphne followed up after the meeting and found that classes are continuing as usual and gave that information to Sophia.)

Pat Dixon announced that the Friends of the Library used book store is undergoing its "soft opening" and will soon start regular hours.

Lee Walkup praised the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service held at West Hollywood Elementary. He proposed that regular community service opportunities such as that be planned.

VI. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff pointed out the various art-related events being held in and around West Hollywood as part of the County-wide Pacific Standard Time celebration of mid-century art.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further comments from the public.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned in memory of Rae Mitchell to the next meeting on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.



Chairperson – Barbara Krupa