WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 26, 2013 City Hall 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069

CALL TO ORDER 1.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairperson Walkup.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Barbara Krupa, Sophia Gelman, 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.

PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT D.

Chairperson Walkup stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 29, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

11. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Chuck Fisher spoke about his comments at a recent City Council meeting encouraging the approval "micro" housing units of approximately 400 square feet to increase the availability of housing.

ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM III.

Nancy Desser, Activity Program Director, presented the new, improved, full-color Activity Program quarterly newsletter. There will be four trips to the Hollywood Bowl, and the "move of the month" for July is Desk Set at 1 p.m. in Room 5 on July 5th. Board members discussed the process for registering for excursions.

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IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Elizabeth Savage and Anwar Zraikat distributed the low-income wait list eligibility applications. They explained that the names of people who qualify will be entered into a lottery for the 75 affordable inclusionary units at the two Monarch properties being built on La Brea at Santa Monica and La Brea at Fountain. The units will be approximately 700 square feet and rent for a one-bedroom unit will be approximately \$650 per month. Both buildings feature first-floor retail and the remaining units will be rented at market rate—approximately \$1,800-\$2,000 per month. The buildings will be open in October.

Qualifying people who are not chosen in the lottery for those units will be placed on a wait list for the City's other inclusionary units.

B. Olivia Walker distributed the "Recreation Reader" guide to programs and discussed summer programming at the City's parks. She announced that there are still spaces left for their excursions and encouraged people to attend Summer Sounds concerts and Plays in the Park. She spoke about turf repair at both Plummer Park and West Hollywood Park.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Staff solicited Board suggestions to forward on to the consultant who will be conducting an accessibility assessment of City facilities. Board members suggested that busses rented for excursions be more accessible. Muriel Schoichet pointed out that for people who cannot walk longer distances, it is important to have a place where a companion could drop someone off and then proceed to park. The drop-off spot should have a place for a person to sit.
- B. Georgia Sheridan and Bob Cheung spoke with the Board about the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Plan Update which they are facilitating. Attached are the notes they prepared summarizing the Board's comments.

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pat Dixon suggested that the City make available forms for wills, Durable Power of Attorney, and Healthcare Directives. Bernice Levin said she had a contact at Cedars who could provide copies.

Esther Baum reported that that the sidewalk in front of City Hall needed to be cleaned.

Board members who either attended or watched the telecast of the Pride parade said that it was wonderful.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis encouraged members to let their friends and neighbors know about the low income wait list applications and that they must be mailed and postmarked by July 31st. She announced that elections for Board Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the next Board meeting.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no further items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.

Chairperson – A. Lee Walkup