

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD / SPECIAL TELEVISED MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 29, 2013
2:00-4:00 p.m.

**City Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
West Hollywood, California 90069**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schoichet, Lee Walkup

Members absent: Rita Norton

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Daphne Dennis stated that the agenda was posted in all the required locations.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Lee Walkup stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were approved.

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Marian Berkman, Director of the Comprehensive Services Center at Plummer Park, reviewed classes, programs and excursions to be held in June. There was still space for the trip to the Autry Museum's "Jews in the LA Mosaic" show on June 13th. Ms. Berkman encouraged people to attend the healthy summer eating lecture, demonstration and tasting on June 20th at 1 p.m. in Room 6.

V. ITEMS FROM MAYOR LAND

Mayor Abbe Land spoke to the Board about several of the initiatives she is working on during her Mayoral year, including an assessment of the accessibility of City facilities, an analysis of maintaining affordability in housing, and of ways in which our housing stock can be improved.

VI. ITEMS FROM SHERIFFS' CAPTAIN GARY HONINGS

The City's new Sheriffs' Captain, Gary Honings, was unable to attend the meeting and will schedule to come at a future date.

VII. READING FROM SENIOR MOMENTS:

Leonid Vaysman read the selection "*The California Wizard*" from *Senior Moments*, an annual publication of writings by Seniors.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Lily Ortiz, a travel trainer with LA Metro, presented about the various ways in which a travel trainer can assist people in beginning to use all the various public transportation options available to them.

B. Stephanie Cohen, Field Representative for Assemblymember Richard Bloom, introduced herself to the Board and reviewed some of the initiatives our new representative in Sacramento will be working on this year. Those include: 2 elder abuse bills, adult community care facilities, and LGBT competency training. She announced that the "Meet and Greet" needed to be re-scheduled to late June or early July and that the Assemblymember will hold a forum on fraud on August 9th at Plummer Park.

IX. READING FROM SENIOR MOMENTS:

Jeff Golumb read the selection "*Forty-five*" from *Senior Moments*.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Francisco Gomez, the Social Services Division intern who is pursuing graduate studies at California State University, Los Angeles, made a presentation on the findings of the recently-concluded Community Study as they relate to Seniors in West Hollywood.

XI. READING FROM SENIOR MOMENTS:

Pat Dixon read the selection "*Tuna Melts and Barbara*" from *Senior Moments*.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

- o Ester Baum suggested that some of the health screenings be moved to locations where noise from people waiting would not interfere with the examinations.
- o Sophia Gelman urged the City to take advantage of opportunities to develop housing and programs for people aging in place.
- o Bernice Levin thanked Mayor Land and Marina Berkman for attending the meeting. She introduced her grandson, Michael, who was visiting from Colorado and attending the meeting. She urged the public to attend the regular Senior Board meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 at City Hall and thanked the City Council for its support of Senior programming.
- o Barbara Krupa thanked her colleagues on the Board and stated that it is an honor to serve with them. She thanked staff and the authors who

contributed to the *Senior Moments* publication. She asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lt. James Farrel, Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Officer, who passed away recently after years working in the City and who was loved and respected by all.

- o Pat Dixon thanked the people in the audience for coming to the meeting.
- o Lee Walkup announced that the Gay Men's Chorus will be performing songs of Steven Schwartz on June 22 and 23 at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills. He urged people to attend the "Install" exhibit on El Tovar on Sunday to see a variety of different art projects.

XIII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Leslie Isenberg reported on the successful events held for Senior Month, acknowledged Lee Walkup and Barbara Meltzer for being the Senior Awardees this year, and thanked the Board and the Activity subcommittee for its hard work in planning the events and volunteering. She reported the following information about the health screenings at the Senior Health Fair: 340 blood sugar; 366 blood pressure; 85 bone density; 30 breast examinations; 44 dental examinations; 148 podiatry screenings; 75 stroke tests; 85 cholesterol screenings.

Daphne Dennis announced that copies of Senior Moments are available at the meeting and at City Hall. She reported that the rental loan program is up and running at Jewish Free Loan. The taxi program conversion to a swipe card method of payment will take place July 1st and residents who participate in the program will receive instructions about the conversion in the mail. She announced the One City One Pride arts and cultural affairs programming for May and June and encouraged people to attend the LA Opera production of Benjamin Brittan's music and song to be held in the Council Chambers Thursday evening. She thanked the Board for its support of the Senior Month activities.

XIV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Pam Komac thanked the Senior Advisory Board members for their advocacy on behalf of Seniors in the community.

Graciella Iparaguirre wondered why the information presented from the Community Study did not include people 55 and over as Seniors.

XV. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The Board adjourned in memory of Lt. James Farrel to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

Chairperson A. Lee Walkup:

