

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2013

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 Walkup.

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, Lee Walkup

Members absent: Muriel Schoichet

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 Walkup stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Lachs, Community Ambassador for Silverado Senior Living, spoke about their facility on Hayworth for dementia and Alzheimer's patients.

III. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser announced that there are still spots available for the trip to the Queen Mary for the Princess Diana exhibit; for "End of the Rainbow;" and for "Crazy for You." On March 7th there is a presentation on how to hire a caregiver. The Cardio-dance class will be held on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff provided an update on the activities of the community study and Board members signed up to attend the upcoming second round of “pop-up” workshops at the Library and Plummer Park, and for the Community Meeting on Thursday evening, March 14th at Plummer Park.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Leslie Isenberg spoke about the new interest-free loan program through Jewish Free Loan which the City is establishing to assist people facing eviction.
- B. Perri Sloane Goodman spoke about the proposed conversion of the taxi coupon program to a swipe card system.
- C. Courtney Hogenson, Director of a new in-home assistance program in West Hollywood called Heal at Home, described the program and distributed informational material to the Board.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Barbara Krupa asked staff to copy and distribute an article titled “Alzheimer’s or Normal Aging?” at the next meeting. She also reported that Sgt. Jimmy Farrell is home from the hospital, doing better and that orange support bracelets are available. Ms. Krupa requested that grab bars be added to all public toilet stalls in the City.

Sophia Gelman reported on the candidate forum presented at the West Hollywood Preparatory School.

Pat Dixon asked if the City could make affordable shingles vaccinations available to community members. She announced that the first poet laureate of the City of Los Angeles, Louise Klein Healy, will be interviewed by Patt Morrison on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers as a fund raising event for the Friends of the West Hollywood Library.

Lee Walkup asked for follow up from the previous meeting when a community member raised concerns about an AA group’s meeting space and rental charges at West Hollywood Park. Staff reported that the reservation has been secured and that the City is evaluating the room charges for all 12-step support groups which rent City space in order to standardize the fees. He urged everyone to become involved in the election and to vote.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

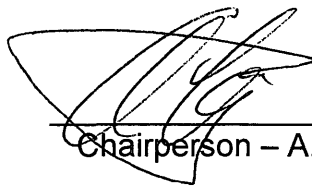
Staff announced that the Rent Stabilization and Housing Division is presenting a series of community informational forums on a variety of issues. The schedule is included in their packets. She referred members to the information about the Women’s Leadership Conference in their packets. Winter Sounds concerts have been well received and there are several more in March.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Suzanne Dietrick asked when the special accommodations equipment, purchased with the \$20,000 grant fund that the City received, would be installed at the Library.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.



Chairperson – A. Lee Walkup