

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 25, 2013

City Hall

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairperson Baum.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schoichet, Lee Walkup

Members absent: Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin

Staff present: Corey Roskin and Daphne Dennis

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Corey Roskin stated that the agenda was posted at all the usual places.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Baum stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 28, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected.

G. ADJOURNEMENT MOTIONS

In memory of the people killed in the Kenyan shopping mall.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Stephanie Cohen, Field Deputy for Assemblymember Richard Bloom, announced the first of several Affordable Care Act forums hosted by the Assemblymember at various locations in his District and distributed flyers. The first forum will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 3-5 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Branch Library in Santa Monica on Santa Monica Blvd. at 6th Street.

Marcy Norton, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, noted that it was unfortunate that a Senior Safety talk was scheduled at the same time as the SAB meeting. Ric Rickles suggested that perhaps a presentation could be made to the Board at a future meeting. Lee Walkup commented on safety issues at the crosswalk on Santa Monica Blvd. at Westmount and

Ms. Norton responded that pedestrian crossing issues are Transportation Commission responsibility

Ms. Norton acknowledged the tragic deaths at the Naval yard in Washington D C

III. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activity Program Director, distributed the new quarterly bulletin of classes, activities, and excursions for October to December, which includes:

- Flu and pneumonia immunizations at the Senior Lounge on Tuesday, November 19 from 10 to noon
- *Carmen* at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on October 6th and a talk about the opera on October 3rd presented by Tanya Len, an LA Opera League member
- A tour of the Science Center's Endeavor exhibit on December 19th

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Dial-a-Ride services: Perri Sloane Goodman discussed registration and destinations for Dial-a-Ride's shuttle services for trips to appointments and presented about the assisted transportation component for the service to be added next month.
- B. Liaison roles. Board members indicated interest in taking on liaison responsibilities to various Commissions and Advisory Boards.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Communal senior living options: Marina Berkman, Director of the Comprehensive Services Center at Plummer Park, distributed materials to the Board and explained the various types of communal living for seniors, including assisted living; small residential board and care homes; and skilled nursing facilities. All of these must meet either Community Care Licensing or State Department of Health Services licensing requirements. She also reviewed the various funding options for these facilities.
- B. West Hollywood Book Fair and WeHo Reads: Corey Roskin spoke about the annual Book Fair to be held on September 29 at West Hollywood Park and distributed information about various events planned for WeHo Reads, literary events inspired by The Big Read. He distributed copies of this year's book, *The Age of Dreaming*, by Nina Revoyr

V BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Sophia Gelman asked that the air conditioning in the Community Center at Plummer Park be adjusted because it is very cold in many of the rooms.

Pat Dixon encouraged members to attend the Book Fair and visit the Friends of the Library booth and store.

Lee Walkup expressed concern that prescription access is becoming increasingly restricted to be-mail programs, which negatively impacts local pharmacies. He also praised the City Council action to extend the service area for the evening entertainment shuttle, The Pick-up Line. He announced that the Gay Men's Chorus will provide accompaniment for the National Anthem sung at Dodger Stadium for the first home game of the Division Series Championship to be held Friday, October 4th. He encouraged people to stop by the Stonewall Democratic Club's booth at the Book Fair to register to vote and/or sign up for permanent absentee ballot mailing. He also acknowledged Rabbi Denise Eger's tenure at Kol Ami and encouraged attendance at the Simcha Torah celebration.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis reminded the Board about the Laurel House visioning workshop to be held on Saturday, October 12th from 9 to noon in Rooms 5 and 6 of the Community Center at Plummer Park, with shuttle trips to the site from 9 to 10. She reminded members about the Board and Commission Congress to be held on Monday, October 14 in the City Council Chambers complex at West Hollywood Park.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michael Arrigo thanked the Board for its work on important issues.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board members indicated an adjournment motion in memory of the people who died in the Kenyan shopping mall at the beginning of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.


Chairperson – Esther Baum