

# WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, October 23, 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, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, Lee Walkup

Members absent: Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Barbara Krupa, 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 Baum stated the procedure for public comment.

#### E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

#### F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting were approved

#### G. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

There were no adjournment motions.

### II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

### III. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activity Program Director, announced that flu and pneumonia shots will be available at the Senior Lounge at Plummer Park on November 19 from 10 to noon in partnership with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Cedars is also sponsoring monthly health screenings on Tuesday mornings in the Senior Lounge from 10 to 11 on the following dates: January 21<sup>st</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May—to coincide with the Senior Health Fair, and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

She announced that the Center film screenings include “Priscilla Queen of the Desert”, “Legally Blonde”, and “M Butterfly.”

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. HIV Law and Policy Project: Shawn Kravich, the project Director, spoke to the Board about this newly-funded City service which links people living with HIV or AIDS to free legal services. He distributed cards with the toll-free intake line number (855) 259-4364 and encouraged members to spread the word about the services.
- B. Covered California: Abby Arnold, consultant, spoke with the Board about California’s roll-out of Affordable Care Act services. The state’s website is up and running without problem and the (888) 975-1142 toll-free information line links people to access experts on enrollment. People are being trained to assist with enrollment. The largest potential impact for our residents is the expansion of Medi-Cal to higher income levels.
- C. Abha Verma, Program Manager with National Council of Jewish Women, discussed volunteer opportunities and services at NCJW. The toll-free counseling talk line (877) 655-3807 is the portal for linkage to a variety of counseling-related services and other support, as well as referrals County-wide. She also announced that the annual clothing give-away will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon.

#### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Seniors Striving to Stay in West Hollywood

Board members continued discussion of this topic, focusing on opportunities for a continuum of living options for seniors, to include assisted living and skilled nursing. The Board suggested the following be considered:

- Assess existing buildings which house seniors—County Housing Authority and WH Community Housing Corporation properties—for their potential to add a variety of assisted living services;
- Purchase and deed-restrict properties which lend themselves to adaption for assisted living;
- Require adaptability for assisted living in future stipulations placed on market-rate residential development;
- Examine the impact of changing retail and restaurant options in the City—less affordability and ease of accessibility means fewer options for seniors.

#### VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Lee Walkup announced the annual Disability Awareness Month special Board meeting and Awards to be held that evening, October 23 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. He also announced the Breast Cancer

Awareness Month breakfast to be held Thursday, October 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Esther Baum attended the Visioning workshop for the Laurel property and indicated that the majority of people in attendance preferred keeping the facility as-is, with low-impact community-based uses.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis mentioned the DAB and Breast Cancer Awareness events, thanked the Board members who attended the Laurel visioning workshop, and reminded the Board about the mobility workshop to be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room at the library complex from 9 to noon

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no items from the public.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in the Community Conference Room of City Hall.

  
Chairperson – Esther Baum