

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 2014
City Hall

8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chairperson Dixon.

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: David Giugni, Corey Roskin

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, moving item B in Unfinished Business to the top.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

G. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

There were no adjournment motions.

II. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Block, West Hollywood, stated that he is now a member of the AARP and that he qualifies for Senior Citizen discounts. He spoke about the Sober New Years Eve Ball. He expressed that as a host of the event he noticed there were a lot of seniors in attendance at the ball and that the City should consider a Seniors NYE Ball.

Steve Gratwick, Department Manager of Senior Services at LAGLC, spoke about the different programs offered for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people age 50 and older. Steve also spoke regarding the monthly newsletter. He spoke about the HIV positive support groups

offered for men 50 and over. He also provided information about the Couple and Connection Valentines event at the Gay and Lesbian Center for people 50 years and older.

III. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activities Director, talked about various upcoming trips sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center. In addition, she mentioned that Cedars Sinai continues to sponsor screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose at the Center on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10-11am.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation: Perri Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator, spoke about an enhancement to the Cityline program in which the application NextBus will give the real time when your bus will arrive. Perri informed us that this enhancement will be proposed to the City Council at the next meeting.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CATV: Kent Egenberger, CATV Supervisor, discussed Cable TV services and access. He discussed the monthly calendar and how to go about requesting one by mail. Kent also spoke about digital TV and the loss of City Channel 10. He explained how to retrieve City Channel 10 from different cable services.

B. New Social Services Manager: Corey Roskin announced that David Giugni has been appointed the new Social Services Manager. David Giugni thanked everyone for their support. He informed everyone that the new location for the SAB meetings will be the Community Room at the West Hollywood Library. He spoke regarding the transportation needs for the new location and indicated that reserved parking spaces for the SAB members will be available on the 3rd floor of the parking structure near the ramp going into the park.

C. Senior Housing: Andi Lovano, Project Development Administrator, spoke about Senior Housing. She provided information on the projects that are currently under construction for very low, low and moderate income housing. Discussion ensued among the SAB members and Esther Baum asked about the possibility of food services and other services at West Hollywood senior buildings (West Hollywood Housing Corporation & HUD buildings). Corey Roskin indicated he will provide SAB with an update at their next meeting regarding the various services offered at the senior buildings for further discussion.

VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pat Dixon asked about the next City shredding event and Corey Roskin stated that he will find out when the next event will take place.

Lee Walkup spoke regarding the “unofficial” gay flag brought down from City Hall. Lee and other members of the Senior Advisory Board also discussed issues related to park plans for Plummer Park. Corey Roskin mentioned that he would look into having an appropriate City staff member come to the Board to provide an update regarding Plummer Park.

VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Corey Roskin reminded everyone of the Senior Valentine’s Day Dessert and Tea Dance on February 12, 2014.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Block, West Hollywood, spoke about low cost housing in West Hollywood and suggested that the City’s Incusionary Housing Program might want to consider delegating a percentage of it’s housing stock to low-income seniors. He also talked about the new mixed-use development on the southwest corner of Santa Monica/Kings Rd.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on February 26, 2014 at 2:00pm in Community Room at the West Hollywood Library.


Chairperson – Esther Baum