

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015  
Community Room, West Hollywood Library  
625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Pat Dixon at 2:00 PM.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scott Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Richard Blons, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Bernice Levin, and Lee Walkup

Members absent: Barbara Krupa and Rita Norton

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Leslie Isenberg, Kim Patterson

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

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

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman Pat Dixon stated the procedure.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

F. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Chairwoman Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of the African refugees who died on the capsized boat and Lou Sesanto. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. INSTALLATION OF NEW SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Scott Schmidt, Deputy for Mayor Pro Tem Lauren Meister, installed Joy Nuell.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

V. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Activities Director at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced upcoming trips, monthly lectures, and cultural excursions. She encouraged people to sign up as the trips are filling up.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. AGENCY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AWARDS

Leslie Isenberg reported on the Agency Development grants awarded to contracted Social Services agencies. There were 12 proposals, and from those seven received awards.

### B. AGING IN PLACE – STRUCTURE OF FINAL MEETING

Leslie Isenberg outlined the structure of the Aging in Place Strategic Plan meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Board and Commission delegates and alternates, plus the public will discuss issues that they consider priorities. These ideas will be incorporated into the draft framework for the strategic plan.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Esther Baum, West Hollywood resident, made several suggestions, including providing assistance with housekeeping.

### C. ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING

Staff from Arts & Cultural Affairs were unable to attend, but Corey Roskin spoke about the Sept. 26 WeHo Reads program. This will be in lieu of the Book Fair, and is part of the literary programming of the City. Andrew Campbell, Cultural Affairs Administrator, will be invited to attend a future meeting to make a presentation on other programming.

### D. SENIOR MONTH MEETING

Corey Roskin announced that the May televised meeting will include the Senior Month awards to super-volunteers Gary and Kay Kaplan, and readings from Senior Moments.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. SENIOR MONTH PROGRAMMING

In addition to the May 27 televised SAB meeting, Senior Month 2015 will feature a special screening of "I'll Be Me", followed by a panel of speakers, and the May 19 Senior Health Fair from 9 AM – Noon at Plummer Park.

## VIII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup made the following announcements:

- Today is Earth Day and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hubble Space Launch.
- A production of "Vegas, Baby" will be performed at the Alex Theater on June 22 & 23.
- Women candidates to be pictured on the \$20 bill include Eleanor Roosevelt, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, and Wilma Mankiller.

- Christopher Street West Festival will be held on June 12-14.
- An update on the AIDS Watch Conference in Washington, DC.

Chair Dixon announced that the next Classic Movie Matinee will be "His Girl Friday" on May 7 at the West Hollywood Library. In June "Victor, Victoria" will be screened in recognition of Pride Month.

VII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Staff had no further announcements.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Marcy Norton, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, reported that her mother Rita Norton is doing "ok". She asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Lou Sesanto. The National Council of Jewish Women will be hosting the Clothesline Project that provides therapy for victims of domestic violence. She suggested a self-defense training for seniors and people with disabilities.

Rick Watts, Chair of the Disabilities Advisory Board, thanked the SAB for co-sponsoring the "I'll Be Me" screening. He said that the DAB will have a table at the Senior Health Fair. Lastly, he expressed appreciation for funding for HIV prevention.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM in memory of the African refugees who drowned, and Lou Sesanto. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm in Council Chambers.



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Chairperson – Pat Dixon

