## WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

## **MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2015
Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Bernice Levin at 2:02PM.

## A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Esther Baum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Richard Blons, Sophia Gelman, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin and Joy Nuell

Members absent: Pat Dixon, Rita Norton, and Lee Walkup

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

Vice-Chair Bernice Levin stated the procedure.

## E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved.

## III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Morin, West Hollywood resident, discussed with the SAB his concerns about the Ellis Act. This item will be placed on a future SAB agenda.

Barbara Hamaker, Communications Manager of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, extended an invitation to an Open House on June 15 at the Laurel/Norton Apartments. She also reported that wait lists are full.

## IV. WELCOMING REMARKS FROM MAYOR LINDSEY HORVATH

Mayor Horvath was joined by Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister in thanking the Board for their great work, and they look forward to collaborating in the coming year.

## V. PRESENTATION OF SENIOR MONTH AWARD

Mayor Lindsey Horvath presented the Annual Senior Month Award to supervolunteers Gary & Kay Kaplan.

## VI. SENIOR MOMENTS READING

Claudine Stevens read her poem "Lydia's Walk" which was published in Senior Moments.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

# A. ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING

Michael Che, Economic Development and Cultural Coordinator, announced upcoming events, including the Summer Sounds Concert series, nighttime performances of Shakespeare theater, WeHo Reads on Sept. 26, and many One City, One Pride activities.

## **B. TRAVEL TRAINING**

Nicole Cavalino of Mobility Management Partners gave a presentation about upcoming "Travel Training" classes which will include the basics of using public transportation.

#### VIII. SENIOR MOMENTS READING

Tamara Gurevich read her poem "Self Definition" that was published in Senior Moments.

## IX. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Marina Berkman, Director at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced upcoming trips, classes, and cultural excursions.

## X. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Dick Blons reported that the Senior Health Fair was very successful, and invited the audience to attend next year.

Sofia Gelman thanked Corey Roskin for his talent and work in creating Senior Moments. She also invited the audience to attend the National Night Out events in August which have encouraged neighbors to gather regularly.

Barbara Krupa said that she is thankful to be back at the SAB.

Vice-Chair Levin invited the audience to attend the next meeting and bring friends.

## XI. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Leslie Isenberg reported that over 450 people attended the Senior Health Fair and 800 screenings were provided, an increase from previous years.

## XII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Larry Block, West Hollywood resident, thanked the SAB for inspiring him to help develop the Disabilities Health Fair. He also said he supports the idea of moving seniors and people living with disabilities to accessible floors of their housing.

Suzanne Dietrich, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, congratulated the SAB on the successful Senior Health Fair. She felt that the participants came mainly for the screenings and not the food.

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM to the next meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room of the West Hollywood Library.

Vice-Chair Bernice Levin

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