

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2015

Council Chambers

625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Barbara Krupa and Rita Norton

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Leslie Isenberg, and 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

Chair Dixon stated the procedure.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

F. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

It was requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the people murdered in Chattanooga, Tony Perelli, and Pat Dixon's brother, Richard M. Dixon.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were unanimously approved.

### III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commissioner, spoke about the latest edition of Aging Today that she guest-edited and distributed copies.

Dan Morin, West Hollywood resident, asked why the SAB action reports in the City Council packet do not include the entire SAB meeting minutes. He reiterated his suggestion that the SAB meeting time be moved to evenings especially in the months when daylight is longer. Mr. Morin also announced that the Historic Preservation Commission Annual Event was being held on July 22 at Plummer Park at 7:00pm. In addition, Mr. Morin asked interested parties to sign an appeal application to stop the razing of homes on N. Kings Road.

Suzanne Dietrich, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board (DAB), requested that if the SAB meeting time ends up being changed, to be conscious of not conflicting with the DAB's current meeting time. She also announced that free cell phones are being distributed to those with Medi-Cal cards from the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition.

### IV. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser reported that ticket sales are brisk for Senior Center events and announced upcoming programs and classes.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Shirley Berry from the Public Safety Division reported on the upcoming National Night Out events on August 4.

#### B. "BEING MORTAL" FILM SCREENING

Kathleen Sullivan and Anthony Bright of the LA LGBT Center's Seniors Program reported that they received a grant from PBS which enables them to host a Sept. 16 screening of the documentary "Being Mortal" about the difficulties in discussing death and dying with patients and their families. The documentary explores how doctors can better help terminally ill people prepare for death in a comfortable, meaningful and affordable way. It will be held in the Council Chambers and will be followed by a panel discussion. The SAB passed a motion to encourage the City Council to co-sponsor the screening.

#### C. FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The SAB heard presentations from Robert Boller of Project Angel Food, and Diane Schneider and Hugo Perez of the JFS Senior Nutrition Program regarding the services they offer. The Board was treated to samples of food that are served to their clients.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup announced that the Special Olympics Torch Run will make a stop at Plummer Park tonight, and that there is a shuttle to UCLA on August 1 with the DAB's "Fans in the Stands" contingent. He also commented on the recent City Council item regarding Airbnb and reported on the effects of water conservation at his apartment building.

Joy Nuell said she would prefer to keep the time of the SAB meeting at 2 PM.

Pat Dixon announced that the West Hollywood Library hosts a free film screening series on the first Thursday of the month and the next one will be "Rear Window". She also reported that the bulletin board at 1234 N. Hayworth is filled with notices of events for seniors. She suggested that the vote for the minimum wage increase be placed on a future meeting.

Sofia Gelman shared her letter on behalf of the Russian community regarding use of rooms at Plummer Park for classes.

VIII. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Staff reported that the Health and Wellness Fair, sponsored by the Disabilities Advisory Board and in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will be held on Tues., Oct. 20 from 10 AM – 2 PM at Plummer Park.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dan Morin, West Hollywood resident, asked the SAB to place the issue of new hours for the SAB meetings on their agenda. Mr. Morin also asked about the application of Rosenberg's Rules of Order at the SAB meetings.

Esther Baum, West Hollywood resident, suggested that food service be provided to the City's senior HUD buildings.

Marcy Norton, Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Commission, spoke about the Commission's recommendation to Council that cameras be placed in public

places to assist police in identifying crime. She also announced the August 4 National Night Out event.

Alla Feldman, Resident Coordinator of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, reported that she handles the bulletin board at 1234 N. Hayworth that was mentioned by Pat Dixon under Items from the Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM to the next meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the Community Room of the West Hollywood Library.



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Chair Pat Dixon

