WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015 West Hollywood City Council Chambers 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marcy Norton led The Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman, Bernice Levin, Joy Nuell, and Lee Walkup

Members absent: Richard Blons and Barbara Krupa

Staff present: Corey Roskin, Leslie Isenberg, and Kim Patterson

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the minutes of the September 30, 2015 and October 28, 2015 SAB meeting were unanimously approved.

6. <u>ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>

Rachel Resnick, Program Director at the National Council of Jewish Women, announced that there are volunteer opportunities with their after-school programs.

Marcy Norton, Chair of the Public Safety Commission, announced that there will be a press conference at the Sheriff's Station on Monday, December 14 at 5:30 PM about the Don't Drink and Drive campaign.

7. <u>ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM</u>

Nancy Desser announced the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center (WHCSC) upcoming events, programs and classes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, gave a presentation on the Aging in Place/Aging in Community 5-Year Strategic Plan, fielded questions, and presented the next steps involved. Issues raised by the Board included:

- 1) Prioritize urgent items of concern to present to City Council, including housing
- 2) Connectivity, utilizing tools such as village.com and a Help Initiative

B. ELECTIONS

Chair - Lee Walkup was nominated by Bernice Levin and Joy Nuell was nominated by Pat Dixon. Lee was elected as Chair. Vice-Chair – Joy Nuell was nominated by Bernice Levin and Bernice Levin was nominated by Joy Nuell. Bernice Levin was re-elected Vice-Chair.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bronwen McGarva, West Hollywood, encouraged the SAB to think about seniors who are lonely during the holidays and talked about volunteerism and therapy dogs for seniors.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

John Allendorfer proposed that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the victims of the Paris attacks.

Lee Walkup announced the following:

- He will be attending Senior Stories at the Annenberg Theater tonight.
- Transgender Day of Remembrance Day will take place on Nov. 20 in the West Hollywood Library Auto Court and the new Transgender Chorus will be performing at the event
- CityX1 will host a feast for underprivileged LGBT youth on Nov. 22
- The Gay Men's Chorus will perform at the Alex Theater on Dec. 19 & 20
- SSDI could drop coverage by 25% and Lee encouraged people to contact Representative Adam Schiff.

Chair Dixon attended the Human Services Commission meeting and suggested that a Tele-Check Program be conducted for non-seniors, as well as for seniors.

Vice-Chair Levin thanked Chair Dixon for her work in the past year.

Sophia Gelman suggested that a study of Russian immigrant heritage be conducted.

12. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

The staff proposed that the December meeting be changed to December 9th, due to the holidays, and offered to find a venue for that meeting.

13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting for the next Senior Advisory Board was adjourned at 4 PM to a meeting on December 9, 2015 at noon to a venue to be determined.

PAT DIXON, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

COREY ROSKIN,

STAFF LIAISON/SECRETARY

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