

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 28, 2011  
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM, 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, Sofiya Gelman, Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Rita Norton, Ric Rickles, Muriel Schoichet; Lee Walkup

Members absent: None

Staff present: Daphne Dennis

C. POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Daphne Dennis stated that the agenda was posted at all the usual places.

D. PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Dixon stated the procedure for public comment.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 24, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

II. SWEARING IN OF NEW SAB MEMBER, A. LEE WALKUP

Mr. Walkup was sworn in as a new member of the Board.

### III. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER'S ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Daphne Dennis announced activities planned for October, including October fest, Gardens of the World, Riverdance, and the Cedars flu shot clinic scheduled for November 15 from 10 to noon in the Senior Lounge.

### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Corey Schaffer, City Clerk, spoke about Roberts Rules of Order and the Brown Act. He indicated that the main point of both sets of rules is to provide open, accessible meetings where the public knows what will be discussed in advance and people can participate in an orderly fashion. He cautioned members to avoid engaging with people who speak to the Board under public comment, but to request that staff place an item on a future agenda when the topic can be discussed.
- B. Corey Roskin reported on the plans for the West Hollywood Book Fair and previewed some of the panels, authors, and exhibitors to be featured on Sunday, October 2 in the new Library and West Hollywood Park.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elizabeth Savage and Gloria Aviles from the City's Rent Stabilization and Housing Department presented the year-end report on rent stabilized units in the City and discussed the \$60 rebate which is available to low-income residents. Board members raised the issue of "unit swapping" where a rent stabilized unit might be swapped for another in the building to accommodate, for instance, a Senior who needs to move to a ground-floor location. Ms. Savage indicated that is an issue which several of the other Cities which have rent stabilization are considering.

### VI. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Several Board members praised the new Library, its art and architecture. Vice-Chair Rickles commented that the busses used for the field trips are not accessible and need a step-stool for access.

### VII. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Daphne Dennis announced that the annual Board and Commission Congress would be held on Saturday, November 5 from 8:30 to 1 and urged all to attend. She announced that there would be a meeting to discuss plans for the implementation of the Plummer Park Master Plan in Rooms 5 and 6 of the Community Center on Tuesday, October 11.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rick Watts, member of the Disability Advisory Board, invited the members to attend the annual DAB Awards event to be held Wednesday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in the new City Council Chambers at West Hollywood Park.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board meeting was adjourned to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.



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Chairperson – Pat Dixon