

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016
West Hollywood Park Community Room
625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Walkup at 2:00PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Pat Dixon and Barbara Krupa

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

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The meeting will be adjourned in memory of those who were killed in Brussels and in memory of Larry Gust, Pat Dixon's friend.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 24, 2016 SAB meeting were unanimously approved.

7. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rick Watts, member of the Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke about ending hunger and homelessness and announced his Fasting2Feed.org fundraiser.

Marcy Norton, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, spoke about the upcoming public hearing of the Human Services Commission on April 12 to address social services priorities for the new 3-year funding cycle of Social Services; and the lack of available space for non-profit organizations. She

distributed flyers for the community workshop to discuss Public Safety issues on April 16 at Plummer Park.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Yana Batrak announced the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center (WHCSC) upcoming events, programs and classes. She also issued a call for volunteers for the office and on excursions.

B. FOCUS GROUP FOR THE EVALUATION OF AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING OF TRANSIT SERVICES

The Board participated in a Transit Services focus group facilitated by Abby Woods of Michael Baker International as part of a community engagement process.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Kurpies from the Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom announced the Los Angeles Senior Awareness Day on Thursday, May 12 and a similar event at Plummer Park on Friday, June 24. He also spoke about changes in the Cal-Fresh (formerly Food Stamps) program in which people 60 years and older can now deduct living expenses, thus enabling more seniors to become eligible for this benefit. (This does not apply to people receiving SSI.)

Marcy Norton announced the April 16th town hall meeting with the Sheriffs Department and Public Safety. She encouraged people to fill out their survey on-line or by mail.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Sophia Gelman announced that the Association of Retired Russian Doctors has ended due to the decline of membership from a high of 65 to only six currently. She suggested establishing a Sister City.

Joy Nuell suggested that to due extensive absences, a way be found to facilitate Barbara Krupa's resignation so that a more active member can be appointed.

John Allendorfer wished everyone happy spring holidays.

Esther Baum suggested that Kings Road Park be used to help the homeless.

Vice-Chair Levin suggested that a member of City Council speak at an upcoming meeting to address the issue of non-profit organizations finding affordable office space in the City.

Chair Walkup announced that Rick Watts is making 22 meals during his sixth annual fast, and will be delivering them to people who appear homeless. He also spoke to a) thievery of mail boxes, b) foster care reform petitions, and c) upcoming concerts by the Gay Men's Chorus.

12. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

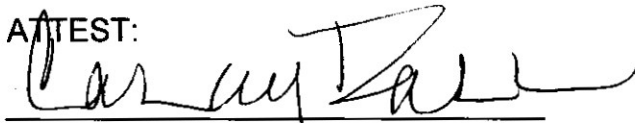
Staff reported on Senior Month plans, including the Senior Health Fair on Wednesday, May 11 at Plummer Park and the annual televised Senior Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, May 25 in the first floor conference room at City Hall. Marcy Norton and Victor Omelczenko will be honored at this meeting as outstanding members of the senior community. Staff also announced a Senior Writing Workshop with City poet Steven Reigns on Monday, April 11 in the Community Room at West Hollywood Park and gave an update on the DAB subcommittee's plans for the pharmaceutical drug pricing town hall meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM in honor of those who were killed in Brussels and in memory of Larry Gust, to a meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 2 PM in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, 90069.


LEE WALKUP,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


COREY ROSKIN,
STAFF LIAISON/SECRETARY

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