

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016

West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica 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

John Allendorfer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Richard Blons

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The meeting will be adjourned in memory of those who were killed in Nice, France, Muriel Schoichet (former Board member), Louis Roskin (Corey Roskin's father), and Jim Hooker (Pat Dixon's friend).

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 22, 2016 SAB meeting were unanimously approved, with the correction that the concert with Rabbi Denise Eger will be held in July, 2017.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Director of Activities at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced upcoming activities.

B. PRESENTATION ON ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS:
BOARD DISCUSSION ON BYLAWS

Melissa Crowder, Assistant City Clerk, addressed questions from the Board about their bylaws. She also announced the next Board and Commission Annual Congress will take place on a Saturday (date to be announced) and further discussion of bylaws and other issues of importance to the City's Boards & Commissions will be addressed. The Office of the City Clerk will be hosting pop-ups where people will be able to sign up for the Vote By Mail program.

C. TAXI PROGRAM UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, gave a presentation about the City's Taxi Assistance Program which has increased by 100% over the past year. He clarified the Enhanced Taxi Assistance Program for people with frequent, long-distance medical trips. Referrals for that special program are made by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center and other non-profit agencies.

D. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

The Board re-elected Lee Walkup as Chair and Bernice Levin as Vice-Chair for a second consecutive term. Although a Board/Commission member typically cannot serve consecutive terms as Chair, the SAB bylaws allow for a 2nd consecutive term if service was less than nine months (Lee Walkup and Bernice Levin served for only seven months due to a delay in holding elections last year until November).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Allendorfer and Esther Baum volunteered to serve as the Senior Advisory Board liaisons on the Disabilities Advisory Board's Pharmaceutical Pricing Subcommittee that is planning a Pharmaceutical Town Hall to take place on Sept. 14 or 21 (date TBD). The Town Hall will be placed on the SAB's August meeting agenda .

Another item to be placed on the August agenda will be intergenerational programs between seniors and youth.

A third item to be placed on a future agenda is an update on the plans and usage of Plummer Park.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Scher, resident, expressed interested in working on the Aging In Place project.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Barbara Krupa suggested that articles on the Board's work be submitted to the Beverly Press.

Pat Dixon announced National Night Out on August 2 in various locations throughout the City. She reported that the Senior Scam Stopper Seminar was excellent. She suggested having more activities at West Hollywood Park.

Sophia Gelman would like to archive history of the Russian and other populations in West Hollywood.

John Allendorfer announced that there will be a Pride festival in Pershing Square. He also attended the senior scam presentation and found it very informative. Thirdly, he watched a C-SPAN program on a government conference and learned that the senior population outnumbers millennials, and that the average age of death for males is 72 and 82 for females.

Joy Nuell recommended Five Wishes found at agingwithdignity.org, which provides information on alternative health directives and living wills.

Vice-Chair Levin shared that she has wonderful memories of former Board member Muriel Schoichet who died recently.

Chair Walkup announced that the second community meeting to discuss the LA Pride festival will be held on August 17 at 6:30 PM at West Hollywood Park Auditorium. He also announced that Ivy Bottini is now at home, and at age 90 is going strong. He reported that he attended the international quadrennial in Denver where 6,600 gay singers performed. Lastly, he reported that at the DNC, Rep. Adam Schiff spoke, and said that one can view gavel-to-gavel coverage on Channel 1213.

12. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Staff distributed a sympathy card for the Board to sign to give to Muriel Schoichet's family.


13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM in memory of those who were killed in Nice, France, Muriel Schoichet (former Board member), Louis Roskin (Corey Roskin's father), and Jim Hooker (Pat Dixon's friend) to a meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 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:



LESLIE EISENBERG, COREY ROSKIN
STAFF LIAISON/SECRETARY

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