

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Barbara Krupa

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The meeting will be adjourned in memory of those who died in Orlando, Florida.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 25, 2016 SAB meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Kurpies, from the Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom, reminded the Board of the Senior Scam Stopper Seminar on June 24 at Plummer Park.

Marcy Norton, Chair of the Public Safety Commission, requested that the West Hollywood Taxi Subsidy Program designate Cedars Sinai Hospital as one of the destinations to which clients can receive the discounted rate.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Nancy Desser, Director of Activities at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced some of the activities that are featured in the new Senior Spotlight.

B. UPDATE ON THE PROCUREMENT OF NEW TRANSIT SERVICES VEHICLES

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transportation Program Administrator, gave a presentation about the procurement of eleven new transit vehicles for the Cityline, Dial A Ride and TLC (Door to Door). She announced that the public will be able to preview the vehicles on Wednesday, July 13th from 10:30 AM – Noon at the Plummer Park lot.

C. SOVA FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Fred Summers, Director of Operations at Jewish Family Service's SOVA Community Food & Resource Program, reported on recent changes in service. While the West Hollywood location closed on June 15, the vast majority of their 300+ clients will be served at the Pico/Robertson location, and others will utilize the new location at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. A member of the Board asked if volunteers are needed, and learned that there is always a need to supplement the work of the 200+ current volunteers.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Pat Dixon shared an article by David Lazarus regarding scams and asked about solutions.

Sophia Gelman read a statement she wrote on the Orlando massacre on behalf of the Russian community.

Esther Baum announced that a group from Congregation Kol Ami volunteers at SOVA two Sundays/month. She also proposed that the Board place taxi restrictions to Cedars Sinai Hospital on a future meeting agenda, and other Board members concurred.

John Allendorfer rode on the Gay Pride float as a representative of the senior community. He is interested in developing some projects with youth and seniors.

Pat Dixon suggested that Fairfax High School students become more aware of and involved with seniors.

Chair Walkup shared information about an LA Times article on senior health, the Gay Men's Chorus of LA concert with Cuban band Mano a Mano on June 25 & 26, and the upcoming GMCLA concert with Congregation Kol Ami's Rabbi Denise Eger in July, the statewide homeless emergency, medical disposal at the Sheriffs' locked drop boxes, and the new City budget of \$127 million. 2017

Vice-Chair Levin reported on the latest statistic that 1 in 10 Cal State University students are homeless.

12. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Leslie Isenberg suggested that the Board ask their questions regarding David Lazarus' LA Times column at the Senior Scam Stopper Seminar on June 24.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM in memory of those who died in Orlando, Florida to a meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 2 PM in the Community Conference Room at West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, 90069.

ATTEST:



LESLIE ISENBERG,
STAFF LIAISON/SECRETARY



LEE WALKUP,
CHAIRPERSON

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