

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 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

Richard Blons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Bernice Levin

Staff present: Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The meeting will be adjourned in memory of the victims of the earthquake in Italy and the floods in Baton Rouge.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 27, 2016 SAB meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Erickson of the Special Events Division announced the Women's Equality Day event on August 26, 2016 at Council Chambers.

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. NOVEMBER BALLOT INITIATIVES

Jeff Book of the Department of Human Services and Rent Stabilization gave an overview of the upcoming state and local ballot initiatives that will appear on the November ballot.

C. JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES - EXPERIENCE WORKS PROGRAM

Phoenix Lockett of Jewish Vocational Services/WeHo Works Program made a presentation about the Experience Works program for people 50 years and older who are looking to enter or re-enter the workforce.

D. BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES

Laura Riley of Bet Tzedek Legal Services gave a presentation about the programs and services that are offered, including the new medical/legal partnership for transgender people.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. PHARMACEUTICAL TOWN HALL UPDATE

Corri Planck gave an update on the pharmaceutical town hall that was scheduled to take place in September but has been cancelled due to a lack of participating organizations and speakers.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Richard Blons suggested that a picnic for seniors might be a way to provide social interaction.

John Allendorfer reported on Councilmember Horvath's event on housing that he attended.

Esther Baum attended a meeting on low and moderate-income housing. She also announced Jewish Home for Aging will soon open a new building at Beverly Boulevard and Crescent Heights that will include independent living, assisted living, and transitional units.

Sophia Gelman expressed concern about a) the temporary lack of a bus stop at Santa Monica Boulevard and Fuller due to construction, and b) trees dying at Plummer Park.

Joy Nuell expressed her concerns about the high price of pharmaceuticals and how the City might play a role in addressing the issue.

Pat Dixon announced that the Street Media Committee has state-of-the-art proposals for the bus stops that they will present to Council next month. She also spoke about the Greater West Hollywood Food Coalition, indicating that she heard they are not going to be at their location at Romaine/Sycamore in the near future. Pat also expressed her appreciation of senior services offered by the City of West Hollywood

Chair Walkup spoke about the following:


- 1) Women's Equality Day event on August 26
- 2) Pharmaceutical pricing
- 3) Court decision on transgender use of bathrooms
- 4) Increase of Board honorariums from \$50 to \$75 beginning in September
- 5) Earthquake reinforcements
- 6) Housing/homelessness statewide
- 7) Second meeting with Christopher Street West
- 8) Closure of the French Marketplace, including social services offices

12. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Corey Roskin announced a County-wide event with the new County Library Director that will be livestreamed on Saturday, August 27 at the West Hollywood Library.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM in memory of the victims of the earthquake in Italy and the floods in Baton Rouge to a meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 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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