

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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 Vice-Chair Bernice Levin at 2:00PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anny Semonco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Barbara Krupa, Joy Nuell

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg and Corey Roskin

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The meeting will be adjourned in memory of the following:

- o The men recently killed in Oklahoma (Terrence Crutcher) and in North Carolina (Keith Lamont Scott) – Suggested by Pat Dixon
- o Efim Kutz, former member of the Senior Advisory Board – Suggested by Esther Baum
- o Shimon Peres, former Israeli President and Statesman – Suggested by Lee Walkup

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer of the Friends of the West Hollywood Library discussed the upcoming plans and programs in honor of the West Hollywood Library's 5th anniversary on September 30 and October 1.

Anny Semonco of the City's Disabilities Advisory Board discussed the Geri-Fit classes she is attending at Plummer Park and also mentioned the upcoming events for Disabilities Awareness Month including the Health and Wellness Event on October 18 and the special Disabilities Advisory Board/Disability Awards on October 26.

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. NEW AND ENHANCED SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR THE 2016-19 FUNDING CYCLE

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, provided an update on the new and enhanced social service programs that were approved by City Council as part of the social services funding process.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Kelly Conn from the West Hollywood Library provided a presentation regarding programs and classes taking place at the West Hollywood Library.

D. WEST HOLLYWOOD CULTURAL PLAN AND ARCHIVE PLANS

Andrew Campbell (Arts Manager) and Amanda Carlton (Arts Consultant) discussed "The Plan," the City of West Hollywood's Cultural Plan. In addition, Andrew talked about future plans to archive historical information about the City of West Hollywood in conjunction with the One Archives.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalie Mignon of the City's Recreation Division talked about the upcoming "Senior Masquerade Ball" at Plummer Park (Oct. 22) and other upcoming excursions organized by Recreation. In addition, she mentioned that open ping pong games are now taking place at Plummer Park on Fridays.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

John Allendorfer mentioned that the West Hollywood Pool has classes for seniors and the disabled. In turn, staff indicated that they will follow up with Recreation to see if someone from the pool staff can attend a future SAB meeting to talk about the City's aquatic programs.

Sofia Gelman expressed her concerns about preserving historical information regarding the Russian community and Russian heritage.

Pat Dixon stated that she attended the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission last week and found it very interesting. She also discussed an article in the LA Times that talked about happiness and aging, which in turn led to discussion about seniors and loneliness. Subsequently, a presentation/discussion on seniors/loneliness at an upcoming SAB meeting was requested. Staff will follow up in that regard.

Chair Walkup spoke about the following:

- 1) Governor Brown signed legislation regarding access to PrEP/PEP.
- 2) The Library of Congress is now being headed by a senior!
- 3) Empty pill boxes can be taken to Capitol Drugs to be recycled.
- 4) By next year, same day registration for voting on election days will take place in California.
- 5) The City's Annual Board & Congress event will take place on Saturday, October 29.
- 6) Lee expressed the importance of Measure MM on the upcoming ballot.

12. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Corey Roskin followed up with the SAB regarding two items that board member Sofia Gelman brought up at the August SAB meeting regarding removal & replacement of trees in Plummer Park and the temporary location of a metro stop on the south side of Santa Monica Blvd./Fuller Ave.


13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Terence Crutcher, Keith Lamont Scott, Efim Kutz, and Shimon Peres to a meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 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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