WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 28, 2017 West Hollywood City Hall, Community Conference Room 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Teri Maher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Sophia Gelman,

Barbara Krupa, Bernice Levin, Joy Nuell and Lee Walkup

Staff present: Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved, with a venue correction from the Council Chambers to West Hollywood City Hall – Community Conference Room.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 24, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Teri Maher of WeHo Works, distributed the July calendar, and announced the July 26 Experience Works workshop for mature people, and the July 12 Recruitment with Apple One Temp Agency. The SAB had additional questions for Teri and expressed interested in having her back for a longer discussion of WeHo Works as an SAB agendized item.

Melissa Kaufler introduced herself as the replacement for Stephanie Cohen as a staff member in Assemblyman Richard Bloom's office.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE AND OVERVIEW

Nancy Desser, Activities Coordinator at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, announced that West Hollywood residents can begin signing up for upcoming excursions for the month of July on July 5.

B. SILVER ALERT

Barbara Meltzer, Chair of the Human Services Commission, reported on Silver Alert, a public notification system about missing persons -- especially seniors with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other mental health disabilities.

C. BE WELL WEHO CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATION

Monica Dunahee gave a condensed presentation of a memory class that is part of Be Well WeHo, classes offered through Recreation Services as part of the Aging in Place Strategic Plan Initiative.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcy Norton, Public Safety Commissioner, announced National Night Out on August 1.

10. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Sofia Gelman spoke about preserving the heritage of Russian immigrant residents.

Esther Baum proposed agendizing senior housing programs with an emphasis on clarifying how individuals get on wait lists for various programs

Joy Nuell raised concern about reaching people who are isolated.

John Allendorfer suggested creating a senior "tribe" group that meets monthly to talk about local and national issues. He also discussed ways seniors might be able to work with teens at the West Hollywood Teen Center and suggested that more classes for seniors be offered on the west side of the City. John also expressed ways to address the homeless crisis in West Hollywood

Pat Dixon suggested forming a senior volunteer corps.. She also expressed a desire to see the City offer more intellectually and emotionally stimulating classes for seniors.

Vice-Chair Levin supported the idea of a senior "tribe" group and suggested that the group might include some discussions of current events

Chair Walkup announced that he attended the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board's annual Rainbow Key Awards, which honored Cleve Jones, among others. He also invited people to attend the July 8 Gay Men's Chorus concert at Disney Hall.

11. ITEMS FROM CITY STAFF

Corey Roskin discussed some of the ways the City is responding to the homeless crisis and passed out the City's current homeless information cards. Corey also announced that at the July SAB meeting, elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held. He also reported that the idea to have teens at the Teen Center interviewing seniors is being discussed with new staff at the Teen Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 2 PM at the Community Conference Room, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

LEE WALKUP, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

COREY ROSKIN, STAFF LIAISON

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