

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2018

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 John Allendorfer at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Andy Sacher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin, and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Joy Nuell moved to adjourn in memory of the mudslide victims in Montecito.

Lee Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of Kevin Short, aka WeHo Jesus, and  
Matt Palazzolo.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 27, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Sacher introduced himself as the new Program Manager of Jewish  
Vocational Services – WeHo Works. He shared the full calendar of activities,  
and encouraged people to stop by their office on the first floor of the West  
Hollywood Library.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR MONTH UPDATE AND OVERVIEW

Nancy Desser, the Activities Coordinator at the West Hollywood Comprehensive  
Services Center, announced February activities. She also introduced Mandi  
Carpenter, Manager of Arts, Wellness and Engagement Programs for six Jewish

Family Service Centers, including West Hollywood's Comprehensive Services Center.

#### B. APLA HEALTH AND OLDER ADULT PROGRAMMING

Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrator, introduced Jeff Bailey, Director of HIV Access and Community-Based Services at APLA Health & Wellness, who gave a presentation about the particular needs of clients who are HIV+ and aging, facing trauma, limited incomes, and loneliness. He requested and received input from the Board on programming ideas.

#### C. HOMELESS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY RESULTS

David Giugni, Acting Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization & Housing, gave a report on the Homeless Needs Assessment and Demographic Survey which provides community-based information on the needs, characteristics and conditions facing individuals who are homeless in West Hollywood. Leslie Isenberg reported that the City provides a) ten shelter beds through Ascencia for West Hollywood community members who are homeless and, b) subsidized housing certificates through Continuum of Care (formerly Shelter Plus Care) for West Hollywood community members who are both homeless and disabled.

#### D. BUS PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM SURVEY RESULTS

Perri Sloane Goodman, Transit Program Administrator, and Nina Tolchinski, Bus Pass Clerk, presented overwhelmingly positive responses from the 2017 Bus Pass Subsidy Program survey and discussed recommendations for increasing program participation.

#### E. ACCESSIBLE DESIGN FEATURES IN HOUSING

Joan Mithers and Derek Murray, Social Services Program Administrators, gave a report on recommendations that the Disabilities Advisory Board presented to City Council for accessible design features in housing for future construction in the City.

### 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

### 10. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Sophia Gelman is interested in donating books.

Esther Baum praised Jewish Family Services for sending four companies to assess renovations needed in her building.

Lee Walkup attended the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board meeting and reported that they are working on the Rainbow Key Awards. They are also establishing a scholarship in memory of Matt Palazzolo. There will be a memorial service for him on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM at West Hollywood Park.

Chair Allendorfer mentioned that liaisons can receive agenda packets.

A. SENIORS IN ACTION AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Allendorfer reported that the sub-committee met this week and that Monica Dunahee will be a consultant for the six meetings that will begin in April. He thanked the staff for helping to get this project off the ground. The next sub-committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 5.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

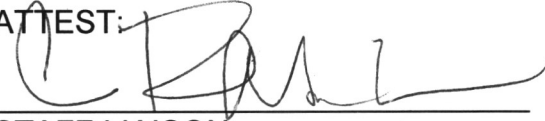
Staff announced that Barbara Krupa has resigned after serving on the Board for 18 years. She will be honored at the Monday, March 5 City Council meeting. This means there is an opening for a new Board member who will be Councilmember Duran's appointee.

The annual Senior Valentine Dance will be held on Wednesday, February 14. The RSVP list is almost full.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:25 PM to the Special Meeting on February 28, 2018 beginning at 2 PM in the Community Room at West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

  
JOHN ALLENDORFER,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:   
STAFF LIAISON

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