

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, July 25, 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

Michael Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Pat Dixon, Sofia Gelman, Michael Hollingsworth, Bernice Levin, Joy Nuell, and Lee Walkup

Members absent: Esther Baum and William McNeeley

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Melyda Carado, the Trader Joe's manager who was killed last week.

Vice-Chair Levin moved to adjourn in memory of the people who were killed in the duck boat accident in Missouri.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activities Coordinator at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, recapped key July activities and announced August classes, movies, lectures, and excursions. She also distributed the new quarterly Spotlight.

B. OVERVIEW ON HOMELESS SERVICES

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Manager, gave an overview of services for people who are homeless in West Hollywood. She began with a video on the LA LGBT Center's Mental Health Services for people who are homeless, and fielded many questions about services. She addressed ways that the City has worked to prevent homelessness as well, including rent control and inclusionary housing which help make housing affordable, and the partnering work with many City Departments and social service agencies.

C. UNDERSTANDING TODAY'S MARIJUANA

Linda Gringas, Director of Addiction and Prevention Services at Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, gave a PowerPoint presentation about medical and recreational marijuana, and illustrated how the marijuana of today is much more potent than that of yesteryear. She also spoke about increased accessibility today, including edibles like gummy bears and lollipops which can be easily mistaken as candy.

D. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

Joy Nuell and John Allendorfer were unanimously elected Chairperson and Vice-Chair respectively.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Chair Allendorfer thanked the Board and staff for a fun year, highlighting two accomplishments: Seniors in Action and the Senior/Youth video project.

Vice-Chair Levin expressed her pleasure with working with the Board and staff.

Board members thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair for their leadership, and to the staff for their support.

Lee Walkup spoke about the defeat of the proposal for dividing California into three states. He recommended the Festival of Arts in Laguna. He announced that in June 2019 the Gay Men's Chorus of LA will be performing in New York City to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Stonewall and Pride. Lastly, he spoke about his research on segues, as a possible form of transportation.

Joy Nuell asked if anyone has been injured in a scooter accident, and other Board members spoke about their experiences.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.


13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Melyda Carado and the people who were killed in the duck boat accident in Missouri at 4 PM to its next meeting on **Wednesday, August 22, 2018** beginning at **2 PM** in the **Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.**



JOHN ALLENDORFER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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