

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 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 Joy Nuell at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marcy Norton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Lee Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of Aretha Franklin.

Esther Baum moved to adjourn in memory of Rita Norton who served on the
Senior Advisory Board for 17 years.

Pat Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of Merrick ("Rick") Talcove, theater critic
and friend.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcy Norton, liaison from the Public Safety Commission, thanked everyone for
their long-time care and support of her mother, Rita Norton, and for their
expression of love for her when her mother passed.

SAB member Michael Hollingsworth arrived during public comment.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES – PRESENTATION ON WILLS AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Alla Chasnick, Staff Attorney and West Hollywood Project Director at Bet Tzedek Legal Services, gave a presentation on estate planning, including basic wills and advance directives that the agency provides.

B. WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (THE WALLIS) PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Debra Pasquarette, Manager of Community Engagement, was unable to attend the meeting, but will make a presentation at a future meeting.

C. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activities Coordinator at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, recapped key August activities and announced September classes, movies, lectures, and excursions.

Susan Heldfond, Chair Yoga Instructor at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, introduced the principles behind her chair yoga class and provided a brief demonstration.

D. WEST HOLLYWOOD RECREATION DIVISION

Marina Rabinovich (Recreation Supervisor) and Michael Gasca (Recreation Coordinator) gave an overview of the City's Recreation programs for the Fall, highlighting classes, excursions, dances and the new walking program that benefits older adults, among others. Interested persons can register on-line or in person at either Plummer or West Hollywood Park. The Division looks forward to offering more activities at West Hollywood Park once construction is completed. SAB member William McNeeley arrived during Item 9.B.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, liaison from the Human Services Commission, spoke about confusion with language, and recommended use of the terms older adult or 55+.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Pat Dixon encouraged the Board to spread the word about Seniors in Action, the monthly gatherings with a facilitator that are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 2-3:30 PM in the Community Room at the West Hollywood Library.

Esther Baum noted that in the City Calendar the date of the meeting for the Board meeting was incorrect. Staff responded that the mistake was corrected on the on-line calendar. She also would like to discuss rent increases at a future meeting. Chair Joy Nuell added that Councilmember Lauren Meister introduced a Consent Calendar Council Item at the August 20, 2018 meeting regarding an assistance program for seniors (Item 5B).

Vice-Chair John Allendorfer also encouraged people to attend the Seniors in Action gatherings, and thanked Councilmember Meister for Council Item 5B. He asked the Board to come up with ideas for future projects that they can work on with producer Tyler Stanley who created the Senior/Youth video project.

Lee Waikup made several announcements:

- Annual Women's Conference, Sunday, August 26, 1 PM, at the Council Chambers.
- Annual Board and Commission Training, Saturday, November 10, at Council Chambers, or on-line by December 31.
- Gay Men's Chorus-LA's mid-October concert with the GMC-Mexico City; 50th anniversary of World Pride and Stonewall 2019 concert at Carnegie Hall; and July 2019 concert at Disney Hall with the GMC-New York.
- CityX1 Annual Thanksgiving dinner for 200 LGBT youth
- Requested that the SAB consider greater participation at next year's 2019 National Night Out.

Sofia Gelman spoke about the need for more progress with assisted living.

Michael Hollingsworth thanked the City for the new parking lot adjacent to the Log Cabin Club on Robertson Blvd.

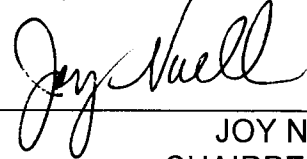
12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff responded to comments about Council Item 5B stating that the Social Services Division will be working on it and will bring updates to the Board.

Staff also announced that the Senior Month Subcommittee will begin meeting in January.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Rita Norton, Aretha Franklin, and Merrick ("Rick") Talcove at 3:30 PM to its next meeting on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018** beginning at **2 PM in the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.**



JOY NUEL,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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