

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, November 28, 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

Matt Gill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Bernice Levin

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Vice-Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of the people who died in the California fires.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved sans Pat Dixon who arrived at the meeting after the vote (Motion: Esther Baum, Second: Lee Walkup)

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 24, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved sans Pat Dixon who arrived at the meeting after the vote (Motion: William McNeeley, Second: Michael Hollingsworth)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathryn Stull, resident of West Hollywood, described the elaborate garden that she has created at 1160 Fuller. She offered to hold a workshop or tour if there is interest.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY POET LAUREATE

Charles Flowers introduced himself as the new City Poet Laureate, and discussed his plans to involve the different communities that make up West Hollywood in participating in various poetic endeavors. He read a poem and then engaged the Board in a written exercise.

B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activities Coordinator for the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center, reported on last month's successful activities, and then announced upcoming classes, movies, lectures, and excursions.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Matt Gill, Library Manager at the West Hollywood Library, announced new and ongoing programs and apps which make the library more exciting and accessible than ever. He also reported on the transfer of audiobooks and large print titles to the first floor, as well as the provision of non-literary services, such as Tap cards, passport application processing and flu shots.

D. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER'S ANITA MAY ROSENSTEIN CAMPUS

Tripp Mills, Deputy Director of Senior Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, introduced Kiera Pollack, Director of Senior Services, and gave a presentation about the new intergenerational Anita May Rosenstein campus for LGBT youth and seniors. The campus will open next year and tours for the center are tentatively scheduled for April 2019. There will also be 98 units of affordable housing, 24 of which will be permanent supportive housing for people who are homeless. The City of West Hollywood has contributed \$2.1 million to this campus.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Esther Baum proposed that a future agenda item include a presentation from Jewish Family Services on transportation charges for trips and the process for determining where classes and activities take place in the City. She also raised interest in having more activities for seniors on the westside of the City.

Lee Walkup announced that the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles' Friday holiday concert has been cancelled. He also spoke to the need for better communication about City services for people who are not online.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer spoke about Seniors in Action which is one of the activities held on the westside. He also encouraged the Board to think about a new intergenerational project that could be considered for Senior Month 2019.

Pat Dixon reported on a theater group in Oakland which is for seniors.

Michael Hollingsworth suggested that people who don't know about the City's activities request information that is made available by City Hall. He also asked if there is a senior registry.

Chair Nuell suggested that there be improved communications about senior activities in the City.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff made the following announcements:

a) Tonight/Wednesday, November 28 from 6-9 PM: The Board and Commission Annual Congress will be held in the West Hollywood Auditorium, followed by a presentation in the Council Chambers.

b) Bernice Levin was unable to attend due to an injury but she is on the mend.

c) The Board discussed having their next meeting at a location to be determined on Wednesday, December 26 at noon. Staff requested that the Board notify them by Friday, November 30th if this date and time is problematic.

d) The next Seniors in Action gathering will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of those who died in the California fires at 3:35 PM to its next meeting on **Wednesday, December 26, 2018** beginning at **noon at a venue to be determined.**



JOY NUELL,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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