

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

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

Councilmember Lauren Meister led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Councilmember Lauren Meister swore in Martin Strudler.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: Leslie Isenberg, Corey Roskin and Kim Patterson

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

None.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting were approved with one abstention  
from Martin Strudler.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activity Coordinator, reported that the new telephone payment system went smoothly and sold out all events. She also announced upcoming programs and classes offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

B. METRO RAIL UPDATE

David Fenn and Joanna Hankamer from the City's Planning & Development Services Department, gave a presentation on the Northern Extension of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line, including possible routes, benefits and impacts on the community, as the City proposes to move up the start date of the line by 20 years. They will provide updates as the project continues.

C. METRO BUS PASS SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Francisco Gomez and Nina Tolchinski from the City's Social Services Division, gave a presentation on the City's Metro Bus Pass Subsidy program which provides a subsidy to senior and disabled Metro TAP card holders.

D. CENSUS 2020 COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

The Board selected John Allendorfer as their representative for the committee, and Martin Strudler as the alternate.

E. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

The Board unanimously elected Michael Hollingsworth as Chair and John Allendorfer as Vice-Chair.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcy Norton, Public Safety Commissioner, announced National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6 at various locations throughout the City. She also stated that the Public Safety Division is planning a Disaster Preparedness Town Hall.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Vice-Chair Allendorfer spoke in praise of Chair Nuell and the Board, and is looking forward to working with incoming Chair Hollingsworth. He attended the Seniors in Action on July 23 which focused on fake news.

Lee Walkup announced that the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will have two local concerts on August 16 at Disney Hall and August 17 at Council Chambers. There will also be all-day readings of the Mueller Report on August 10 & 11 in Council Chambers.

Martin Strudler asked if the City might encourage Maimonedes Academy to continue their community art classes. City staff will get back to him on this.

Pat Dixon suggested that the City have a program similar to Muttville in San Francisco, where seniors can visit or adopt rescue dogs.

Esther Baum asked to have an item added to the agenda about limiting rental increases to 2%. The Board agreed so City staff will place that item on a future agenda.

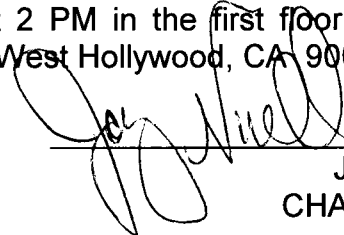
Sofia Gelman suggested that an item be placed on the agenda about commemorating the City as a moral city. There was not interest from the other Board members on this item, so it will not be placed on a future agenda.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:40 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.



JOY NUELLE,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON

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