

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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 Michael Hollingsworth at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sofia Gelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 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

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 28, 2019 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcy Norton, resident, raised concerns about accessibility at the 5-story parking structure at West Hollywood Park.

Stewart Lozano, Office of Assemblymember Bloom, encouraged people to contact their Santa Monica office with any concerns at 310.450.0041. He also invited everyone to attend the next Senior Scam Stopper on October 3, 2019 from 10:30-12:30 at Sunrise Senior Living.

Chris Records from Equality California's "Out Against Big Tobacco" invited people to the next meeting of their coalition on November 7.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Valentina Aleksandrova, Activity Coordinator, gave an overview of the past month's successful events. She also handed out the new newsletter and announced upcoming programs and classes offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

B. ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING AND HEALING (AHH) – CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD GRANT

Staff members from the Alliance for Housing and Healing (Matthew Flores, Development and Communications Manager and Maria Aceves, West Hollywood Director of Housing Services) discussed AHH's social services contract with the City of West Hollywood that will provide rental assistance for seniors who are aging in place and facing rental increases that may force them to lose their homes.

C. POSTMATES PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES

Bob Cheung, Senior Transportation Planner, introduced Vignesh Ganapathy of Postmates, who gave a presentation about the proposed operations of a potential pilot testing program for Personal Delivery Devices (PDD). Personal Delivery Devices are autonomous robots designed for the delivery of goods to alleviate traffic congestion for short-distance deliveries.

D. UPDATE ON WEST HOLLYWOOD'S AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE – BRINGING SANTA MONICA COLLEGE'S EMERITUS PROGRAM TO WEST HOLLYWOOD TO INCREASE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
Elizabeth Anderson, Program Administrator for the Strategic Initiatives Division, gave an update on efforts to advance the City's Aging in Place/Aging in Community Strategic Plan through a new collaboration with Santa Monica College Emeritus, a program of Santa Monica College for the older adult community. She announced a free introductory Current Events class that will be held on October 28, 2019 at 2 PM at Movietown Plaza, 7302 Santa Monica Blvd, in anticipation of a weekly winter class that will be offered in January.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Vice-Chair Allendorfer announced that the upcoming Census 2020 will be available for participation on-line, by mail, or by phone. He attended Seniors in Action on Tuesday, September 24 which was well-attended and very worthwhile.

Lee Walkup announced that yesterday was National Voter Registration Day, and that there will be a new voter registration system used in upcoming elections.

Martin Strudler asked for suggestions on where he could donate the DVDs that he received as a voter in the Emmy Awards. He raised concern about notifying the public about the sewer project on Melrose Avenue. He also asked about how to block scam phone numbers.

William McNeeley expressed interest in becoming a liaison for the Public Facilities Commission. Staff said that they will place Commission and Advisory Board liaison assignments on the October agenda.

Michael Hollingsworth mentioned that he spoke with news reporter Robert Kovacik of KNBC about the possibility of having public service announcements related to senior scams on KNBC.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff announced the AARP Regional Roundtable on September 26 from 10 AM – 3 PM at West Hollywood Library.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:40 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.


MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST: 
STAFF LIAISON

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