

**=WEST HOLLYWOOD SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
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

Joy Nuell 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

Vice-Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Detective Amber Leist.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting were approved, with one
abstention from Pat Dixon.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD WORKPLAN
The workplan was received.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

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

B. AGING IN PLACE/AGING IN COMMUNITY YEAR THREE EVALUATION REPORT AND YEAR FOUR UPDATE

Elizabeth Anderson of the Strategic Initiatives Division gave a PowerPoint overview of the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Year Three Evaluation Report, featuring the Ten Domains of Livability and Year Four Update. The Board also viewed two segments of Spectrum's InFocus show, one highlighting a Seniors in Action friendship between Boardmember William McNeeley and a new friend, Doris Klein. In the other segment, the host interviewed Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commissioner and liaison to the Senior Advisory Board, and Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath about the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Strategic Plan.

C. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM (MET)

Diane Kahn-Epstein of the Strategic Initiatives Division, reported on the first year of service delivery and impact of the West Hollywood Mental Evaluation Team (MET), highlighting their effective and rapid response, reduction of use of force, better utilization of resources, hands-on training and outreach, and increased opportunities to partner with the County and other regional services.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commissioner and liaison to the Senior Advisory Board, clarified that the LA County Commission on Aging now uses the term "older adult" instead of "senior".

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup announced that the Homeless Count for West Hollywood will be held in the evening of Thursday, January 23, beginning at the Sheriff's Station. He also noted that beginning on October 1, Real ID will be required to fly (or one needs to show their passport).

Vice-Chair Allendorfer announced that the Census count will begin on April 1. He also said that it was heartwarming to view the Seniors in Action video and would like to work on other videos in the future.

Sofia Gelman asked to speak about the founding of the Teen Center.

Martin Strudler raised concern about pedestrian safety. Leslie Isenberg noted that the Board's Work Plan includes an update on public safety in April and pedestrian safety in May.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff distributed the new Public Safety Division brochure, the flyer for the January 30 Food & Nutrition event in Plummer Park, and the flyer for the February 12 Chem Sex Town Hall in Council Chambers. Staff also thanked the Board members who spearheaded the creation of Seniors in Action which continues to grow.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of Detective Amber Leist at 3:30 PM to its next meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 beginning at 2 PM in the first floor conference room of City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd. West Hollywood, CA 90069.


MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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