

**MINUTES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023
2:00 PM**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walkup called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John Allendorfer, Pat Dixon, Michael Hollingsworth,
Bill McNeeley, Nadia Sutton, Lee Walkup

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Francisco Gomez, Becca Lubin, Joyce Britton

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marina Goldshteyn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Council Member Chelsea Byers swore in Lee Walkup and Michael Hollingsworth as Senior Advisory Board members.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Senior Advisory Board is requested to approve the July 26, 2023, meeting agenda.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member McNeeley. MOTION PASSED.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Senior Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023, Senior Advisory Board meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Sutton, seconded by Board Member Allendorfer. MOTION PASSED.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts, a West Hollywood resident, spoke about National Night Out on August 1 and emphasized the importance of the Neighborhood Watch.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Senior Advisory Board held the annual elections for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Pat Dixon was elected as Chair.

John Allendorfer was elected as Vice-Chair.

Board Member Walkup gave remarks regarding his time serving on the Board and shared reflections on Esther Baum and her service.

B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Marina Goldshteyn, Jewish Family Service (JFS) Activity Coordinator, provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. COMMUNITY SAFETY PRESENTATION

Margarita Kustanovich, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided information on emergency preparedness focused on the needs of older adults.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

D. RENT STABILIZATION DIVISION UPDATE

Gloria Aviles, Rent Stabilization Supervisor, provided an update on the work of the City's Rent Stabilization Division.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

3. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff spoke about the Annual Congress of Boards and Commissions on August 23 from 6 – 9 PM. Staff thanked outgoing Chair Walkup for his service.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts spoke about local vendors for the emergency kits discussed and recommended the Board keep supplies ready at home for when they are needed. He congratulated the newly-elected Chair and Vice-Chair and thanked the outgoing Chair for his service. He spoke about Disabilities Awareness Month and the collaboration on the Health Screening Event with the Senior Advisory Board.

Richard Leroy spoke about protecting pets during an emergency. He also mentioned that seniors could watch rehearsals for the Los Angeles Opera and spoke about senior access to the pool in the City's Aquatics and Recreation Center.

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Sutton thanked outgoing Chair Walkup for his service.

Board Member Walkup spoke about the Gay Men's Chorus' upcoming Holiday Concert and Spring Concert and discussed his plans to regularly attend Disabilities Advisory Board meetings to stay current on items relating to the Disabilities Awareness Month and health screening event.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer thanked Board Member Walkup for his service as Chair and spoke about the need for additional activities for seniors on the West Side of the City. He also asked to adjourn the meeting in honor of Tony Bennett, who recently passed and acknowledged his contributions to music.

Board Member McNeeley spoke about the recreation center and the lack of access for seniors.

Board Member Hollingsworth mentioned that the presentations made during the July Senior Advisory Board made him feel like seniors matter in the City.

Chair Dixon thanked everyone and motioned to adjourn in memory of Dorothy Fisher, a deceased friend.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:43 PM in memory of Sinead O'Connor, Tony Bennet, and Dorothy Fisher to its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 2 PM at West Hollywood City Hall's Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23rd DAY
OF AUGUST, 2023.


PAT DIXON
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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