

**MINUTES  
OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024  
2:00 PM**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dixon Called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Board Member Carrel, Board Member Holguin,  
Board Member Hollingsworth, Board Member Walkup,  
Vice-Chair Allendorfer, Chair Dixon

Also Present: Becca Lubin, Social Service Program  
Administrator, Francisco Gomez, Strategic Initiatives  
Program Administrator, Joyce Britton, Administrative  
Specialist

Absent: Board Member Sutton

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Diane Kahn-Epstein led the Pledge.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** *The Older Adults Advisory Board approved the agenda of the February 28, 2024, Older Adults Advisory Board meeting. Motioned by Vice-Chair Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member Walkup and approved unanimously by roll call vote.*

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** *The Older Adults Advisory Board approved minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting. Motioned by Vice-Chair Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member Walkup and approved unanimously by roll call vote.*

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Watts, a resident of West Hollywood, extended an invitation to the Disabilities Advisory Board meeting at 6 pm at Plummer Park. He expressed his excitement for Older Adult Month and highlighted Assembly Bill 2449.

Karen Eyres, a resident of West Hollywood, shared updates on two upcoming events. Firstly, she informed the Board about the Guaranteed Income Advocacy Training scheduled for March 3rd. Additionally, she highlighted an event sponsored by Hollywood Now, hosted by the Hollywood Chapter of the Organization for Women. This event is slated for 7 pm and will take place in the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.

**\*\*Board Member Hollingsworth arrived at 2:06 pm.**

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. UPDATE ON THE WEST HOLLYWOOD PILOT FOR GUARANTEED INCOME**

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update from Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Supervisor, on the City's Pilot for Guaranteed Income.

Board Member Holguin inquired about the eligibility criteria for the guaranteed income program, specifically regarding the qualification of both housed and unhoused individuals. Ms. Kahn-Epstein clarified that individuals meeting the program's criteria were eligible to apply, noting that the majority of applicants were housed.

Board Member Hollingsworth inquired about the eligibility of individuals receiving social security benefits. Ms. Kahn-Epstein clarified that there are three types of social security benefits—Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)—and explained how the impact on government benefits might affect peoples' willingness to participate in this type of program.

**ACTION:** Received presentation and discussed.

### **B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM**

Staff from Jewish Family Service provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

**ACTION:** Received presentation and discussed.

### **C. UPDATE ON SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

The Older Adults Advisory Board considered electing a representative to attend and represent the Board on the City Council-approved Sacramento

Legislative Action Day for Appointed Officials.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Allendorfer was selected to represent the Board at the City Council-approved Sacramento Legislative Action Day for Appointed Officials. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, from 8 AM to 6 PM in Sacramento, California.

**D. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update from Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, focused on legislative items relating to older adults.

**ACTION:** Received presentation and discussed.

**3. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff announced a community open house to launch the development of West Hollywood's next citywide strategic plan, WeHo 40. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kings Road Park, 1000 N. Kings Road. This free event will feature a brief program, food, and live entertainment. Attendees are encouraged to drop by at any time during the event to learn more about the project, provide feedback, and connect with fellow community members.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Watts, a resident of West Hollywood, encouraged the Board to attend the upcoming City Council meeting and to speak during the Public Comment period on relevant issues.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Vice-Chair Allendorfer informed the Board that he, along with Board Member Walkup and Board Member Holguin and Board Member Hollingsworth attended the memorial service for former Board Member Bill McNeeley.

Board Member Walkup invited the board to upcoming Gay Men's Chorus events. Additionally, he encouraged the Board to participate in the upcoming elections.


Chair Dixon proposed the concept of appointing a senior advocate to champion issues affecting West Hollywood residents and requested the Board to deliberate on this proposal.

Board Member Hollingsworth expressed his endorsement of Chair Dixon's proposal.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned at 3:40 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. 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 OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup>  
DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

  
PAT DIXON  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
STAFF LIAISON

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