

OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024
2:00 PM

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Allendorfer called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

- A. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Boardmember Carrel
Boardmember Hollingsworth
Boardmember Leroy
Boardmember Schemanski
Boardmember Sutton
Boardmember Walkup
Vice Chair Holguin
Chair Allendorfer

Absent: Boardmember Dixon

ALSO Francisco Gomez, Acting Strategic Initiatives Supervisor
PRESENT: Rebecca Lubin, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator
Amy Valdepeña, Recording Secretary, Human Services Specialist

- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Rick Watts led the pledge of allegiance.

- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the agenda for the meeting on September 25, 2024.

ACTION: Approved the Agenda of Wednesday, September 25, 2024, with the amendment of tabling Item 1.D and 2.B. **Motion by Boardmember Hollingsworth, seconded by Boardmember Carrel and approved by roll call vote.** Noting the absence of Boardmember Dixon.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2024, Older Adult Advisory Board meeting.

ACTION: ***Item 1.D is tabled to next meeting***

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

WENDY GOLDMAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD- Spoke on aging-related policies, highlighting pedestrian safety. She highlighted issues with delivery robots, sidewalk obstructions, and dangerous intersections. She urged participation in the upcoming West Hollywood City Council candidates' forum of Thursday at Beaches Tropicana.

ED WOODMAN, NEW YORK- Discussed his involvement in public art workshops for West Hollywood's 40th anniversary with a festival planned for July 25th, 26th, and 27th, featuring art in various public locations, including Sunset Boulevard, Sunset Plaza, and West Hollywood Park.

He shared details about an upcoming workshop taking place on Friday, September 27th, in Rooms 5 and 6 from 1p.m. to 5 p.m. at Plummer Park, with performances from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Additionally, Ed mentioned plans to return at the start of 2025 to lead an artist info session on applying to the open call for the festival. He noted that next year marks the 20th anniversary.

RICKS WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD- Liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, announced that the board would meet that evening at 6 p.m. in Rooms 5 and 6, inviting everyone to attend. He highlighted that October is Disabilities Awareness Month and mentioned banners being placed along Santa Monica Boulevard to honor past recipients of the Disability Advisory Board's Annual Service Awards. Additionally, a display will be set up in the Council Chambers lobby.

He invited everyone to a Health & Wellness Event at Plummer Park, on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. He also announced that the Annual Service Awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday, October 25, 2024, in the Council Chambers, with the event televised.

He also urged everyone to participate in the upcoming election. He also informed the Board to support the AIDS Walk on October 13, 2024, honoring the many lives lost to AIDS.

DAVIS EICHMAN- Commissioner to the Transportation and Mobility Commission, informed the Board that they meet every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the EOC and encouraged all to attend.

David highlighted a recent change in state law that grants cities more flexibility in regulating speed limits. He shared that the West Hollywood's

staff is analyzing streets to determine where speed reductions might be appropriate. Additionally, David mentioned that Metro's decision on the alignment choice for a transportation project is expected in January.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. JFS ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The Older Adult Advisory Board received an update from Jewish Family Service Staff, Marina Berkman, and provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

Boardmembers thanked Marina Berkman and followed up with a few questions and comments.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. CITY AQUATICS UPDATE:

Cortez Jordan, Aquatics Supervisor, will provide an update on aquatic programming at the City's Aquatic and Recreation Center (ARC).

ACTION: ***Item 2.B is tabled to the next meeting***

C. HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM PRESENTATION:

The Older Adult Advisory Board received a presentation from Stephanie Fajuri, Program Director, and Executive Director Joseph, and Suan a Volunteer Coordinator on the services of the Center for Healthcare Rights. Such as health insurance advocacy programs, telephone help line, volunteer coordinators and community education programs.

Boardmembers thanked the presenters and followed up with a few questions and comments. Such as age qualification bracket, eligibility for people with disabilities, what is covered through Medic-Care and switch over from Medic-Care, Medica-Care Advantage and Medigap.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

D. COALITION FOR ECONOMIC SURVIVAL PRESENTATION:

The Older Adult Advisory Board received a presentation from Eugene Maysky, Tenant Outreach Organizer, on tenant support services.

Boardmembers thanked Eugene Maysky and followed up with a few questions and comments.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

3. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

None.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

RICKS WATTS, WEST HOLLYWOOD- Spoke about age considerations in the Ellis Act.

5. **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

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Vice Chair Holguin- Acknowledged Vice Chair Hollingsworth, for the accomplishment of publishing his second book. He also mentioned that one of his businesses recently celebrated 21 years in West Hollywood, with an article in *The Five Magazine* recognizing the milestone.

Holguin shared that they had just hosted a Happy Hour Week event to support youth aged 16 to 18 in recovery, as this age group often lacks funding resources.

Lastly, he raised a question regarding photography and filming during public meetings.

Boardmember Walkup- clarified that county ballots will be mailed on October 7th and should arrive by the 9th to 11th. He also expressed concerns about campaign materials and mail delays.

Lastly, he announced that the 2025 AIDS Life Cycle will be the final event and encouraged the public to support.

Boardmember Leroy- commented on election-related mail and his interest in a candidate debate in West Hollywood.

He then shared his experience at the Transportation & Mobility Commission meeting, noting the dangers of certain streets, particularly for older adults and those with disabilities.

Boardmember Leroy raised concerns about the Aquatic and Recreation Center (ARC), commenting on limited available lanes. He suggested that Staff provide clarification on the pool reservation structure.

Boardmember Hollingsworth- Boardmember Hollingsworth expressed concerns about scooters blocking the sidewalks and posed a question regarding the insurance requirements of scooter companies.

Boardmember Schemanski- shared concerns about pedestrian safety, highlighting the need for more designated scooter parking.

Boardmember Sutton- noted that for individuals using walkers or similar mobility aids, navigating around the scooters and other sidewalk obstructions is very difficult. She suggested implementing measures to ensure that scooters are not left obstructing the street.

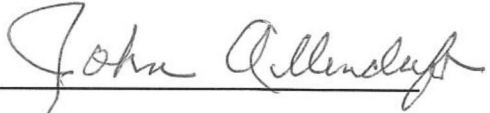
Chair Allendorfer – Chair Allendorfer- Share highlights from the recent "Seniors in Action" event, which attracted 16-17 participants. Chair Allendorfer advocated for more activities on the West Side.

He also provided updates on a significant project set to be developed at the former site of the Viper Room. He concluded by thanking Wendy, Susan, and Eugene for their valuable contributions during the meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned at 3:53 p.m. to its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room at West Hollywood City Hall, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23rd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.



JOHN ALLENDORFER

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON

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