

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

**WEDNESDAY, March 27, 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 Sutton,  
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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

David Eichman led the Pledge.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION:** *The Older Adults Advisory Board approved the agenda of the the March 27, 2024, meeting. Motioned by Board Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Board Member Carrel and approved unanimously by roll call vote.*

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Karen Eyres, a West Hollywood resident, emphasized the importance of the City's commitment to caring for its aging population.

David Eichman, a West Hollywood resident, extended a warm welcome to the new Board members who will be sworn in at the next meeting. He provided updates on the Transportation Commission, highlighting the ongoing pilot bicycle program and the introduction of personal delivery devices. Mr. Eichman also mentioned the upcoming CicLAvia event on August 18 and discussed the process residents undergo to request traffic calming measures.

Rick Watts, a West Hollywood resident, extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Disabilities Advisory Board meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Plummer Park, Rooms 5 & 6, starting at 6pm. He briefed the Board on the role of the Disabilities Advisory Board in supporting community members living with disabilities.

Joseph Green, a West Hollywood resident, discussed his involvement with the County Commission on HIV and their work on Standards of Care. Mr. Green also addressed a recently approved ordinance concerning parking removal and its potential impact on older adults and people with disabilities.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. PRESENTATION ON WEST HOLLYWOOD COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE CENTER PROGRAMS**

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update on programs at the Jewish Family Service Comprehensive Service Center from Marina Berkman, Program Director.

**ACTION:** The Board received a presentation and discussed services offered at the West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center.

### **B. PRESENTATION ON DISABILITY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER SERVICES**

David Kruskall, Community Programs Manager, and Rhonda Wise, Community Programs – ILS provided an overview of services offered at the Disability Community Resource Center.

**ACTION:** The Board received a presentation and discussed services offered at DCRC.

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

City staff provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

**ACTION:** Received presentation.

### **D. ELECT SACRAMENTO DAY OF ACTION ALTERNATE**

The Older Adults Advisory Board elected an alternate to represent the Board at the Sacramento Legislative Day of Action.

**ACTION:** Elected Board Member Walkup as an alternate unanimously by roll call vote.

**E. DISCUSSION ON OLDER ADULT ADVOCACY IN WEST HOLLYWOOD**

In response to a request from the Older Adults Advisory Board, City Staff conducted a discussion on implementing an Older Adult Advocate or advocacy services in West Hollywood.

**ACTION:** The Board discussed ideas for an Older Adult Advocate and received information about existing services in the City available to older adults.

**3. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

Staff invited the Board to an event sponsored by the Women’s Advisory Board discussed the Older Adult Health Fair planned for May 21. Additionally, staff informed the Board that the televised meeting in May will be held on Thursday, May 23 in Council Chambers. Chair Dixon was invited to accept the proclamation for Older Adult Month at the Council meeting in May, and the Board was invited to attend the meeting to hear the proclamation.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rick Watts, a West Hollywood resident, emphasized the importance of the Board advocating for themselves and highlighted the value of participating in coalitions. He encouraged Board members to attend meetings as liaisons or regular attendees. Mr. Watts also discussed the recent City Council item on short-term vacation rentals.

**5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD**

Board Member Hollingsworth expressed gratitude to the Gay Men’s Chorus for their excellent concert.

Board Member Walkup shared his experience at the Gay Men’s Chorus concert. He requested business cards for Board members reflecting the new Board name. He suggested new ways of reaching the public, including post-meeting summaries or newsletters to inform the community about new laws and decisions.

Chair Dixon emphasized the importance of involvement and participation in the community.

Board Member Sutton expressed her enthusiasm for rejoining the Board after her absence, stating how much she had missed being a part of it.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned in memory of David Mixner and the people who perished in the Francis Scott Key Bridge incident at 4:00 pm to its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 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.