

**SPECIAL SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Hollingsworth at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair John Allendorfer 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, Francisco Gomez, and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Vice-Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Congressman John Lewis.

Boardmember McNeeley moved to adjourn in memory of John Klein.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sepi Shyne, a resident, introduced the group WeHo Neighbors Helping Neighbors, which was formed to check in with seniors and others in need during this pandemic. She invited the Board to share the email (wehoneighbors@gmail.com) with others who may feel isolated.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Leslie Isenberg gave a presentation of some of the enhanced services provided for free to residents, including:

- Grocery and meal delivery services from Jewish Family Service SOVA Food Pantry (818.988.7682), JFS Nutrition (323.937.5843), and Project Angel Food (323.436.5041)
- Rental assistance from Alliance for Housing and Healing (for residents 55 years and older (323.656.1107) and the National Council of Jewish Women (for residents under 55 years of age (323.852.7036)
- Tenant Defense Program from Bet Tzedek Legal Services (323.549.5841) assists with issues regarding the eviction moratorium, which has just been extended to September 30, 2020.
- JFS Comprehensive Services Center (323.851.8202) provides social workers who can connect seniors and people living with disabilities to linkages for various services.

B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Mandi Carpenter, Director of Arts, Wellness and Engagement (AWE) Programming, announced that Valentina Alexandrova is on maternity leave and introduced Alex Pagan-Mejia, who is filling in for her. Mandi gave an overview of the classes and programs offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center that are now on Zoom. Participants receive a weekly email with log-in instructions. She announced that the next Seniors in Action gathering will be held on Tuesday, July 28 at 1 PM.

C. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

Vice-Chair Allendorfer was elected Chair, and Chair Hollingsworth was elected Vice-Chair.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commission liaison to the Senior Advisory Board, congratulated the Social Services staff for providing emergency services so quickly.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Lee Walkup raised concern regarding a proposed condominium on Cynthia.

Pat Dixon noted that the Rent Stabilization & Housing newsletter announced rebates without giving details on how to receive them.

William McNeeley asked how residents can obtain the COVID-19 test.

Vice-Chair Allendorfer spoke about affordable housing needs. He also praised the Seniors in Action programming.

Esther Baum said that the trilingual voicemail message on the City Hall number is long and doesn't offer an option to leave a message. She said the City is working on resolving this issue.

Board members thanked Chair Hollingsworth for his service.

Chair Hollingsworth thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Chair and is looking forward to serving as Vice-Chair. He also spoke to being grateful to the City of West Hollywood for their exemplary service to constituents.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff pointed out that action cannot be taken on items not on the agenda. In response to the question about testing sites, staff recommended that people visit www.weho.org and search COVID-19 test for the latest information.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:12 PM to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, beginning at 2 PM.

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MICHAEL HOLLINGSWORTH,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Leslie Isenberg
STAFF LIAISON

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