

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020  
2 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair John Allendorfer at 2 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember William McNeeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Michael Hollingsworth, William McNeeley, and Lee Walkup

Members absent: Joy Nuell

Staff present: Francisco Gomez, Leslie Isenberg, and Kim Patterson

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The Board moved to adjourn in memory of Martin Strudler and honored his long-term civic involvement.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting were approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Boardmember Walkup spoke on behalf of Rick Watts, announcing the Disabilities Advisory Board's award ceremony at 6 PM, and the free flu clinic on October 29, 2020 at Plummer Park.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Leslie Isenberg shared an update from Mandi Carpenter, Director of Arts, Wellness and Engagement (AWE) Programming who was unable to attend the meeting. She reported on the October programming, including on-line classes and programs offered by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center. She also highlighted the upcoming November activities.

B. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY PROGRAMS UPDATE

The Board received an update from Matt Gill, West Hollywood Library Manager, on current library operations including Sidewalk Service and a regular schedule of virtual programs. He also shared images of three new library cards that are now available, honoring the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. He announced that laptops and WiFi hotspots will possibly be available by the end of November. Lastly, he shared that it is unknown when the library will reopen to the public.

C. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD'S EVICTION MORATORIUM

The Board received a presentation from Peter Noonan, Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, on the work underway to maintain and expand affordable housing while supporting tenants through the City of West Hollywood's Eviction Moratorium. There have been 4,000 people added to their waiting list this year and approximately 170 new units are underway. Also, eight webinars have been conducted in October for tenants and landlords as the Eviction Moratorium was ended statewide, and City staff have responded to 7,000 individual inquiries. The presentation included information on what renters can do to prevent eviction due to financial impact from COVID-19 through Rental Assistance programs offered through the Alliance for Housing & Healing and the National Council of Jewish Women.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Walkup announced the following items relevant to the work of the Board and the older adult community:

- November 10, 2020 is the City Clerks' Ethics Training for all Boards and Commissions;
- The Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will hold a virtual holiday concert tentatively set on or around December 20, 2020, and COVID-19 permitting a live concert may be held in June or July of 2021.

Boardmember Dixon announced that she will have hip surgery.

Chair Allendorfer reported that yesterday's Seniors in Action event was another success, with nine people in attendance.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

City staff reiterated Boardmember Walkup's announcement about the Ethics Training and added that there is an on-line training option that must be completed before December 31, 2020. Staff announced free transit to voting centers through Cityline (Monday-Saturday 9AM - 5:30 PM) and Dial-a-Ride (with reservations, Monday-Friday 7:30AM – 5:30PM).

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:25 PM in memory of Martin Strudler to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, November 25, 2020, beginning at 2 PM.

DocuSigned by:  
  
812A46AEDF66239A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN ALLENDORFER,  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
STAFF LIAISON

**A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request.**

***(Disclaimer: Staff records the meetings for the sole purpose of composing the official meeting minutes; therefore the recordings are not of commercial quality.)***