

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021
2 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Eichman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister administered the Oath of Office to David Eichman and Michael Hollingsworth.

4. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, David Eichman, Michael Hollingsworth, William McNeeley, Joy Nuell, Nadia Sutton, and Lee Walkup

Members absent: Pat Dixon

Staff present: Katie Egan, David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, and Kim Patterson

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Boardmember Hollingsworth moved to adjourn in memory of Bill LaVallee.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting were approved with two abstentions.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Kimiko Kelly, the Director of Arts, Wellness and Engagement (AWE) Programming, reported on April programming, including the one-woman show on Harriet Tubman, and the very popular new Trigger Point Massage Workshop, and noted the one-year anniversary of Zoom programming. She also highlighted upcoming May weekly virtual classes and special events planned in recognition of Older Adult/Senior Month through the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center. She announced that the May newsletter, now a monthly publication, will be sent out next week in English and Russian.

B. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PRESENTATION

Hernan Molina, the City's Governmental Affairs Liaison, gave an overview of the City's legislative affairs work and highlighted some of the City's legislative priorities.

C. STATUS REPORT ON SENIOR MONTH ACTIVITIES AND REPORT FROM SENIOR MONTH SUB-COMMITTEE

Boardmembers Walkup and Nuell gave a report from the Sub-Committee. They stated that activities will be scaled down due to COVID-19 health directives and Senior Stories WeHo and the Outstanding Senior Award presentation will not be happening this year.

Leslie Isenberg reported that the Senior Month Proclamation would be presented at the next City Council meeting to Chair Allendorfer. There will also be the televised SAB meeting on May 26, as well as a public service media campaign to promote the social services available to older adults in West Hollywood.

D. MAY TELEVISED MEETING AGENDA

Leslie Isenberg shared the proposed agenda for the May televised meeting, which will include two speakers: Maureen Feldman, Director of the Social Isolation Impact Project at the Motion Picture & Television Fund, who will address the isolation people experienced in the pandemic and the trepidation they may feel in reintegrating into the community; and Carlos Hernandez from LA Metro, who will present a safe travel training for seniors as public transit opens up. Additionally, the Boardmembers will each briefly share their thoughts regarding serving on the Board and being civically engaged.

E. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Michael Hollingsworth was elected Vice-Chair for the remainder of this term ending July 2021.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, liaison from the Human Services Commission, suggested that the Board invite everyone, not just older adults, to hear Maureen Feldman's presentation next month.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

The Board welcomed new member David Eichman and returning member Michael Hollingsworth.

Boardmember Walkup reminded the Board that this evening at 6 PM President Biden will address the nation. He also announced that the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will perform the Summer Pride concert on June 3 by subscription.

Boardmember Baum asked if there will be a National Night Out event this August. Staff will ask Public Safety and report back to the Board.

Boardmember Eichman spoke of being excited to join the Senior Advisory Board. He volunteered to be the liaison to the Transportation Commission.

Boardmember Sutton volunteered to be the liaison to the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board. Staff will put an item on a future agenda for liaison assignments.

Chair Allendorfer appreciated the honor of accepting the Senior Month Proclamation at the next City Council meeting.


13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg announced that staff will work with Boardmembers to add the City background to their Zoom profiles.

Katie Egan announced a webinar from Life Group LA about creating a care plan for loved ones that will be held on Friday, April 30 at noon. She sent a link to the Board in an email. She also announced that the West Hollywood Library is open at 50% capacity, and provides free WiFi and printing, among various services.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:30 PM in memory of Bill LaVallee to its next Special Televised meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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JOHN ALLENDORFER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

Leslie Isenberg

STAFF LIAISON

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