

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021
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. OATH OF OFFICE

Councilmember John Erickson administered the Oath of Office to Boardmember McNeeley.

4. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, William McNeeley, Joy Nuell, Nadia Sutton, and Lee Walkup

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

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Boardmember Dixon moved to adjourn in memory of the victims of the Atlanta and Boulder shootings.

Boardmember Walkup moved to adjourn in memory of Tristan Hooper.

Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Rocky LeFleur.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, liaison from the Human Services Commission, announced the upcoming LA County Commission for Older Adults event on Monday, April 5, 2021.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Kimiko Kelly, the new Director of Arts, Wellness and Engagement (AWE) Programming, reported on March programming, including the virtual International Women's Day event, and highlighted upcoming April weekly virtual classes and special events through the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

B. RECREATION DIVISION PROGRAMS UPDATE

Marina Rhodes and Amy Valdepena from the City's Recreation Division provided an update on how the Division's programming has adapted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff pivoted quickly, stepping from behind the scenes to becoming the virtual face of the Division to continue offering classes and special events, all virtual, as well as a virtual Rec Reader.

C. COVID-19 VACCINE APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE AND TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided information about the City's new COVID-19 Appointment Assistance and Transportation Program that is offered by the City to senior or disabled residents. On Call Transportation staff will help with the vaccine appointment reservation process and transportation, all free of charge, by calling 310.981.9303.

D. 2021 SENIOR MONTH SAB SUB-COMMITTEE

The Senior Advisory Board selected Pat Dixon, Joy Nuell and Lee Walkup as the members of the 2021 Senior Month SAB Sub-Committee who will discuss the May televised meeting and selection of Senior Month honoree(s).

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Sutton recommended an article addressing ageism in the workplace which she received from JVS SoCal. She also expressed interest in receiving a presentation to the Board about legislation that impacts the quality of

life for seniors. The Board unanimously approved, so staff will contact Legislative Affairs to request a presentation at a future meeting.

Boardmember Walkup reported on ageism that he has encountered in his search for employment. He also announced that the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will perform the Summer Pride concert in the first week of June.

Boardmember Dixon asked the Board to send suggestions to the Sub-Committee for Senior of the Year nominations.

Chair Allendorfer commended Boardmember Nuell for asking the City Council about a kitchen in the new West Hollywood Park facilities.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg noted that the Boardmembers were emailed a flyer from LACMA about a free art class for seniors.

Katie Egan reminded the Boardmembers of a free webinar from Justice in Aging that will be held on Tuesday, March 30 at 11 AM to address vaccines for communities in need.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:20 PM in memory of the victims of the Atlanta and Boulder shootings, Tristan Hooper, and Rocky LeFleur to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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JOHN ALLENDORFER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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