

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 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

Vice-Chair Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None

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

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Chair Allendorfer asked that the meeting adjourns in memory of the 98 people who passed away in the condominium collapse that took place last month in Surfside, Florida.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the June 23, 2021, meeting were approved, with Boardmembers Dixon and Eichman abstaining from the vote.

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 at Jewish Family Service (JFS), introduced Marina Goldshteyn to the Senior

Advisory Board. Marina will assist with activities at JFS's West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center at Plummer Park. Kimiko noted that Alex Pagan-Mejia would continue to assist with activities, as well.

Kimiko provided an overview of activities during the month, which included virtual tours of the Georgia Aquarium and the San Diego Safari Park. Kimiko noted that in August, additional fitness classes will be introduced and that an educational talk on Tennessee Williams would be taking place. Kimiko let the Board know that three courses focused on healthcare directives would be offered by Bet Tzedek in Russian. Lastly, Kimiko mentioned that JFS is looking to start limited in-person outdoor activities soon and said she would share more information with the Board when available.

B. RENT STABILIZATION AND HOUSING DIVISION UPDATE

Jonathan Holub, the City's Rent Stabilization and Housing Manager, provided an update on the State's eviction moratorium, which was extended by State law through September 30, 2021. Jonathan mentioned that rent adjustments cannot be applied until 60 days after the end of the local emergency and provided an overview of California's tenant relief program that was recently expanded to allow landlords to receive 100% of owed rent. Jonathan also provided the Board with information about recent updates to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) that the City Council approved, including property posting requirements applying to all rental properties that inform tenants of their rights and new enforcement mechanisms for landlords who do not comply with City's RSO. Lastly, Jonathan provided a summary of upcoming items that will be reviewed by the Rent Stabilization Commission, including an update to regulation on interest applied to tenant security deposits and a report on valuation guidelines.

C. PRESENTATION ON COVID-19 MASK REQUIREMENTS

Douglas Nguyen provided an update on LA County Public Health Department's COVID-19 related mask recommendations and mandates. During his presentation, Douglas noted that the County mandates that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while in public indoor spaces. Masks are also required when accessing public transit, healthcare settings, and government offices. Douglas mentioned that information regarding masks is frequently changing and recommended that the Board visit LA County Public Health Department's website access the most current guidance.

D. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, provided the Board with an overview of the nomination and election process. On behalf of Senior Advisory Board liaisons, Leslie thanked Chair Allendorfer for his work and leadership as Chair.

Chair Allendorfer opened the nominations for Chair. Boardmember Dixon nominated Boardmember Nuell, and Boardmember Baum nominated Boardmember Walkup to serve as Chair. A motion to close nominations for Chair was made by Boardmember McNeeley and seconded by Boardmember Dixon. After receiving eight votes, Boardmember Nuell was elected Chair by the majority of Senior Advisory Boardmembers

Chair Allendorfer opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Boardmember Hollingsworth nominated Boardmember McNeeley, Boardmember Nuell nominated Boardmember Walkup, and Boardmember Dixon nominated Boardmember Sutton to serve as Vice-Chair. Boardmember Walkup moved to close nominations for Vice-Chair and Boardmember Hollingsworth seconded the motion. Boardmember Walkup was elected Vice-Chair after receiving seven votes.

Leslie Isenberg thanked Michael Hollingsworth for his leadership as Vice-Chair of the Senior Advisory Board this past year and congratulated Chair Nuell and Vice-Chair Walkup on being elected to their leadership positions.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmembers considered appointments of members as liaisons to other City Advisory Boards and Commissions:

- Boardmember Eichman volunteered to serve as liaison to the Transportation Commission.
- Boardmember Sutton volunteered to serve as liaison to the Women's Advisory Board.

Boardmember Walkup provided an update on the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles. He also thanked Board for electing him Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Hollingsworth expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing him to serve as Vice-Chair this past year.

Boardmember Sutton asked the Board and staff for updates on legislative items that might impact older adults. Staff noted that Hernan Molina, the City's Legislative Affairs Liaison, recently provided an update on legislative items the City is tracking. Boardmember Sutton also thanked the Senior Advisory Board staff liaisons for their work.

Boardmember Dixon asked staff about the availability of a Senior Advisory Board roster that includes Boardmember phone numbers. Leslie Isenberg, will share the updated board roster with Board.

Chair Allendorfer mentioned that he and Boardmembers Nuell and Baum attended Bernice Levin's memorial service and provided an update on the service.

Boardmember Walkup reminded the Board about National Night Out. Staff provided the Board with a list of West Hollywood National Night Out events.

Boardmember Baum expressed concerns with the City's On-Call Transportation Program, particularly with costs associated with trips provided by Uber. Other Boardmembers expressed similar concerns and asked that staff please add an item focused on this program to a future meeting agenda.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Katie Egan, Social Services Program Administrator, reminded the Board about the mandatory event with Dr. Robin DiAngelo focused on racial justice. She provided the Board with an overview of registering and promised to follow up with additional information by email.

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, updated the Board about the City's plans to resume in-person Advisory Board and Commission meetings. Leslie mentioned that there are still no plans to return to in-person meetings but said that she would provide information relating to the return of in-person meetings as soon as it is available.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:20 PM to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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Joy Nuell

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JOY NUELLE,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON

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