

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021  
2 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember 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 and Francisco Gomez

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Boardmember Dixon asked to adjourn in memory of Marvin Auerbach and Don Rosen. Boardmember Allendorfer asked to adjourn in memory of Marvin Keller.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the August 25, 2021, meeting were approved unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Sotile, West Hollywood resident and Lesbian and Gay Advisory Boardmember, introduced herself to the Board and provided an overview of a project focused on domestic violence that the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board is working on in conjunction with the Public Safety Department and other City advisory bodies.

Karen Ayres, a West Hollywood resident and Rent Stabilization Commissioner, introduced herself as the liaison to the Senior Advisory Board and let the Board know that she can help advocate for any housing issues that might be of interest to the Board.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, a resident of West Hollywood, expressed his concern with property owners and management not informing residents of neighbors who have

passed away due to COVID-19. Michael would like for the City Council to focus on enforcing health protocols for multifamily residential properties in the same way they do for businesses.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Jewish Family Service regarding remote programs and classes sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center. Activities in September included virtual museum tours, art classes, and fitness classes.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, a West Hollywood resident, spoke regarding the community garden at Detroit and Lexington, which is reopening. He also expressed a need for increased communication and advertising to older adults regarding activities organized by the Senior Center.

Boardmember Baum asked a question regarding the flu shots at Plummer Park. Katie Egan responded and let the Board know that the Flu Clinic would be taking place on Thursday, October 21.

B. ARTS DIVISION UPDATE

Eva Angelof, Arts Grant Coordinator at the City of West Hollywood, provided an update on the Division and its projects. She discussed upcoming programs and funding opportunities for local artists.

Boardmember Dixon and Boardmember Eichman asked about the status of the reopening of the Coast Playhouse. Eva Angelof let the Board know that there is a plan to renovate the theater and bring it up to code. An item seeking approval from City Council to initiate work on this project will be taken in December.

Boardmember Hollingsworth asked about the 1111 theater. Eva Angelof let the Board know that that theater is not City owned and that a gym is currently scouting its former location. She noted that the City might lease the building and use it as a temporary City theater while the Coast Playhouse is being renovated.

C. UPDATE ON THE GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE AND EQUITY (GARE) AND REPORT ON SOCIAL SERVICES UTILIZATION BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF COLOR OVER THE LAST DECADE

The Senior Advisory Board received an update on the City's work with the Government Alliance on Race Equity (GARE) and an analysis of demographic data focused on community members of color who utilized social services over the last ten contract years. Social Services staff, Katie Egan and Francisco Gomez, presented the update.

D. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD'S 2022 WORKPLAN CALENDAR

The Senior Advisory Board reviewed and discussed the 2021-2022 work plan calendar. Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an overview of the work plan and discussed this item with the Board.

Boardmember Eichman suggested that the Board receive updates on dockless mobility devices on an annual basis. Boardmember Sutton requested that the Board continue to receive updates from Legislative Affairs regarding legislation that impacts older adults.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Hollingsworth asked about the possibility of having the agenda packet mailed by the City to the Board. City staff let the Board know that they would follow up.

Vice-Chair Walkup let the Board know about LAX-it, the new way to get to taxis or rideshare vehicles at LAX airport. He felt that the new system worked well.

Boardmembers Allendorfer and Dixon discussed concerns with the closing of 24 Hour Fitness. The gym has been purchased by a different operator who will be more expensive for gym users. The board members felt that the City should negotiate to grandfather older adult residents who have discounted 24 Hour Fitness memberships at the new gym.

Boardmember Eichman let the Board know of challenges the business community is experiencing due to the City's COVID-19 vaccine verification mandate. Businesses are receiving boycott threats from people who oppose the City's mandate. He encouraged the Board to support local businesses in response to the challenges.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Katie Egan let the Board know that the flu shot clinic at Plummer Park will take place on Thursday, October 21. Katie mentioned that staff would be bringing an

item on dockless mobility devices at the October or November meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:30 PM to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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Joy Nuell

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON

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