

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021  
2 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Allendorfer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: William McNeeley

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

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Boardmember Walkup asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of General Colin Powell and Halyna Hutchins. Boardmember Hollingsworth asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Ginny Mancini.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the September 22, 2021, meeting were approved unanimously by the Board.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Ayres, Rent Stabilization Commissioner, spoke on the rental assistance program available through LA County and legal aid available through the City's Rent Stabilization Division. She talked about work done by the Coalition for Economic Survival and Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Lastly, she discussed the AIDS Monument planned for West Hollywood Park and World AIDS Day programming scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup>.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD'S 2022 WORKPLAN CALENDAR

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, led a discussion on the Board's 2022 work plan. Boardmember Allendorfer discussed the addition of an item on advanced planning in November. Boardmember Sutton asked for an item on legislative affairs updates. Boardmembers Eichman and Hollingsworth requested an item in May focused on Pride events and a follow-up item in June on Pride events that took place.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Marina Goldshteyn, Activity Coordinator at Jewish Family Service (JFS), regarding remote programs and the first in-person class sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center since March 2020. Remote activities in October included virtual museum and animal sanctuary tours, art classes, improv classes, and fitness classes. The first in-person event organized with the Comprehensive Service Center in over 18 months was a fall prevention workshop with 20 participants.

During public comment on this item, Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commissioner and liaison to the Senior Advisory Board spoke about how much she enjoyed attending the improv classes.

Boardmember Allendorfer commented on the October Seniors in Action meeting.

Boardmember Dixon asked Bet Tzedek Legal Services to offer a training on will preparation in English, which was offered in Russian during October.

B. WEST HOLLYWOOD AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVE

Corri Planck, Manager, Strategic Initiatives Division and Diane Kahn-Epstein and Elizabeth Anderson, Program Administrators in the Strategic Initiatives Division updated the year four evaluation of the Aging in Place/Aging in Community Initiative. The presentation included a summary of community input and highlighted the accomplishments and challenges of City programs and services during the pandemic.

Boardmember Hollingsworth asked about financial assistance available to West Hollywood businesses and West Hollywood seniors. Diane Kahn-Epstein provided information about the City's upcoming Guaranteed Income micro-pilot program initially targeting West Hollywood LGBT seniors. Corri Planck stated that the staff from the City Manager's office could provide information about assistance available to West Hollywood businesses.

Boardmember Allendorfer asked about access to resources for older adults. Diane Kahn-Epstein noted the work of agencies like Jewish Family Services and the LA LGBT Center.

Boardmember Dixon discussed the possibility of a rent freeze for seniors. Leslie Isenberg stated that the Rent Stabilization and Housing Department staff could best address this topic.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD HOMELESS INITIATIVE: 2021 UPDATE ON FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Corri Planck and Elizabeth Anderson from the City's Strategic Initiatives Division and Katie Egan from the City's Social Services Division provided an overview of the West Hollywood Homeless Initiative and a 2021 update on the City's progress on the five-year plan to address homelessness. The presentation included information on the ways the Initiative's goals could result in the City learning how to best respond to homelessness, developing more housing and housing choices, and building stronger partnerships with nonprofits and regional government agencies to help address homelessness in the City and region.

Corri Planck, Strategic Initiatives Division Manager, let the Board know of the different ways the outreach teams are connecting homeless community members to COVID-19 vaccines and other health services.

D. ADVISORY BOARD NOVEMBER MEETING

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, let the Board know that the November meeting would be taking place the day before Thanksgiving and wanted to assess interest in rescheduling the meeting. Chair Nuell made a motion to keep the scheduled meeting date of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Boardmember Eichman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Baum let the Board know that she received a notice from Metro informing bus riders that they would start collecting fares on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, let the Board know that Metro riders can apply for fare discount programs. He will invite LA Metro to present on these programs at a future Board meeting.

Boardmember Eichman let the Board know that he attended the October Transportation Commission. He learned that the City would be resuming the

testing of small, automated delivery devices. He asked the Board to share any comments about these delivery robots to him or with the City's Transportation staff.

Boardmember Dixon asked about in-person meetings. Leslie Isenberg let the Board know that the City is adhering to Public Health directives.

Vice-Chair Walkup reminded the Board of the Disabilities Advisory Board's annual televised meeting, which took place on October 27<sup>th</sup>. He also let the Board know about National Civics Day. Lastly, he discussed the Gay Men's Chorus and upcoming concerts.


12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, let the Board know about World AIDS Day on December 1, 2021.

Katie Egan, Social Services Program Administrator, provided an update on the LA LGBT Center's new affordable housing for seniors program. She also let the Board know that staff could share web-based video resources regarding the homeless crisis and related social services with the Board.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:43 PM to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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