

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022
2 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nuell at 2:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: None.

Staff present: Francisco Gomez, Leslie Isenberg, Joyce Britton, Becca Lubin

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the March 23, 2022, Senior Advisory Board meeting were unanimously approved by the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Eyres, Rent Stabilization Commission, spoke about the West Hollywood Housing Symposium, which will have a panel discussion on state legislation affecting affordable housing and homelessness. She provided the link for the board to register to attend virtually.

Renee Sotile, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, expressed concerns over public safety and transportation. She spoke about raising awareness about domestic violence and intimate partner violence. She also spoke about feral cats in the neighborhood.

7. 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.

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

B. UPDATE FROM THE LOS ANGELES LGBT CENTER'S SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Michael McFadden, Associate Director of Programs for Senior Services at the Los Angeles LGBT Center, on programs and classes for West Hollywood older adults.

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Kristin Cook, Director of the City's Public Safety Department, and Lieutenant Moulder from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station focused on general crime statistics and the West Hollywood Mental Evaluation Team (MET).

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

D. ON-CALL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on the On-Call Transportation Program.

Recommendation: Received and discussed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Becca Lubin, Social Services Intern, provided an update on the lot at the corner of Crescent Heights and Santa Monica Boulevard. She explained that the lot will be a mixed-use development and will include affordable housing. Becca will track the project and provide regular updates at future meetings.

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on the L.A. Community College District's lawsuit involving accommodations for blind students.

Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, mentioned agenda items for the April meeting and requested input from the board for items to include on the May agenda for the televised meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Renee Sotile, Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, expressed concerns about the reliability of transportation and lack of communication regarding those concerns.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Allendorfer reported that he attended the March 8th Human Services Commission meeting and brought up concerns about housing, transportation, and health.

Boardmember Hollingsworth expressed concerns about the rising cost of cable for seniors.

Boardmember Eichman provided an update on the Transportation Commission meeting that he attended on the San Vicente streetscape improvements.

Boardmember Dixon commented on the aquatics center.

Boardmember Sutton requested a legislative update on issues relevant to older adults.

Boardmember Walkup mentioned Madeline Albright's passing and expressed concerns about the states' control over interracial marriages. He also mentioned an upcoming event with the Gay Men's Chorus and provided details on how to obtain tickets.

Boardmember Allendorfer requested adjourning in memory of the victims in Ukraine.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:50 PM in memory of the victims in Ukraine to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 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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