

**MINUTES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
2:00 PM**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm by Chair Walkup.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Bill McNeeley, Joy Nuell, Nadia Sutton, David Eichman, A. Lee Walkup

ABSENT: Michael Hollingsworth

STAFF: Katie Egan, Joyce Britton, Becca Lubin

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Barbara Meltzer led the pledge.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommendation: The Senior Advisory Board is requested to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022, Senior Advisory Board meeting.

ACTION: Vice Chair Eichman requested to amend the minutes to address minor typos. Motion by Board Member Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member Nuell. MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: The Senior Advisory Board is requested to approve the meeting agenda for September 28, 2022.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member Sutton. MOTION PASSED

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commission liaison, spoke about aging, age discrimination, and well-being.

Karen Eyres, Rent Stabilization and Housing Commission liaison, spoke about the rent increase cap and told the Board how they can provide input on whether the City should reduce the current rent cap.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Marina Goldshteyn, Jewish Family Services (JFS), discussed programs and classes sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS PRESENTATION

Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison for the City of West Hollywood, spoke on the City's supported/opposed legislation that was considered by the California Legislature in the last year of the 2021-2022 regular legislative session.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. BRIEFING ON PERMANENT OUTDOOR DINING EFFORTS

Ric Abramson, John Keho, and Garen Yolles, City of West Hollywood Planning and Urban Design Divisions, provided a briefing on the City's new permanent outdoor dining efforts. They shared proposed design standards for outdoor dining to ensure appropriate and inclusive access while also promoting economic enhancements for businesses in the public way.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

D. ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

Eva Angeloff, Arts Grant Coordinator at the City of West Hollywood, provided an update on the Arts grant program, the WeHo Reads program, and ongoing displays at the West Hollywood library. Ms. Angeloff also gave details regarding upcoming events and funding opportunities for local artists.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Katie Egan discussed the Board's decision to return to in-person meetings or to remain virtual for the rest of the year. If the Board were to return to in-person meetings, they would be held at Plummer Park, Rooms 5 and 6. Vice Chair Eichman motioned to remain virtual, seconded by Board Member Nuell, which resulted in a split result (4 in support, 4 in opposition). As such, the Board decided to remain virtual in October and to conduct another vote to determine whether the November meeting will be held in-person or virtually.

Ms. Egan alerted Board that the November meeting is the day before Thanksgiving and offered an option to meet Nov. 30. After a motion by Board Member Allendorfer, seconded by Board Member McNeeley, the Board unanimously voted to hold the meeting on Nov. 30.

Ms. Egan also flagged that the December meeting will fall between Christmas and New Years Eve. The Board took a roll-call vote on whether to have a luncheon for the December meeting, motioned by Board Member Nuell, seconded by Board Member Allendorfer. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Egan let the Board know that the City has been selected for the 2022 SCAN Innovation Award, in honor of the Aging in Place, Aging in Community Initiative.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Allendorfer mentioned that he was interviewed about Seniors in Action and the City's Aging in Place Initiative for the SCAN Innovation Award. The interview will be featured in a video that will be played at the upcoming City Council meeting.

Board Member McNeeley provided some suggestions on handling the upcoming meetings and activities.

Board Member Dixon mentioned that she went to hear Chair Walkup and the Gay Men's Chorus at the Hollywood Bowl. She spoke about her experience attending a workshop on rental assistance held by the Center for Economic Survival (CES).

Board Member Sutton thanked the Board and staff for the presenters and reminded the Board to make their voices heard in the community and with elected officials at all levels of government to make a difference.

Chair Walkup proposed that staff make a presentation at the October meeting on the propositions that will be included on the November ballot. After a show of hands, a majority of the Board indicated that this was a topic of interest. City staff will follow up.

Chair Walkup also spoke about Disabilities Awareness Month and flagged the vaccine clinic taking place in Plummer Park on October 20.

Chair Walkup mentioned an upcoming event for the Gay Men's Chorus and invited the Board to attend. He reminded the Board that during the October meeting, the Senior Advisory Board's work plan will be discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 4:00 pm to its next meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference.

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STAFF LIAISON

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