

**MINUTES
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022
2:00 PM**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER –

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Chair Walkup.

2. ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Michael Hollingsworth, Bill McNealey, Joy Nuell, Nadia Sutton, A. Lee Walkup

ABSENT: David Eichman

STAFF: Francisco Gomez, Joyce Britton, Becca Lubin

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Dixon led the pledge.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Senior Advisory Board is approved the minutes of the October 26, 2022, Senior Advisory Board.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Nuell, seconded by Board Member Hollingsworth. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Senior Advisory Board approved the meeting agenda for November 30, 2022.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Dixon, seconded by Board Member McNealey. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD'S 2023 WORKPLAN CALENDAR

The Senior Advisory Board reviewed and discussed the 2023 workplan calendar. The Board also provided staff with direction to bring an item focused on Pride Month activities planned by the LA LGBT Center's Senior Services Program in April for Board input.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

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

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE PRESENTATION

John Pointer from the California Senior Legislature provided an overview of his organization's work to advocate for older adults. Hernan Molina, Governmental Affairs Liaison, contributed to the discussion.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. MULTI-STALL GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOM FACILITIES

Ben Galan provided an update on a proposed zone text amendment to amend Chapter 19.20 (General Property Development and Use Standards) to require multi-stall gender-neutral restroom facilities in all new commercial developments and major remodels.

Board members had a lengthy discussion and shared concerns regarding the proposed zone text amendment requiring multi-stall gender-neutral facilities in new commercial developments. Board members felt additional information and studies were needed to inform the discussion.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

D. COMMUNITY SAFETY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Danny Rivas, Community Safety Director, and Lieutenant Fanny Lapkin from the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station provided an update on community safety issues in the City.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Francisco Gomez motioned for the December meeting to be moved to Dec. 21. The Board approved unanimously by roll-call vote. Francisco also mentioned that starting December 5th, Dial-A-Ride trips could be booked on demand by users of that service.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Allendorfer mentioned that Vice Chair Eichman asked to adjourn in memory of the shooting victims in Colorado and asked the Board to support this adjournment request.

Board Member Dixon suggested having a list of West Hollywood residents over 60 and sending them a postcard with emergency numbers. In response, Francisco Gomez, Program Administrator, informed the Board of how the City is letting the community know about new services, which includes seniors. He also mentioned pop-up events that will be offered later in the new year to provide the community with information on new services.

Board Member Baum asked the Chair how to express their concerns about gender-neutral restrooms to City Council, and Chair Walkup instructed the Board to email them at citycouncil@weho.org to include it in the agenda for the next Council meeting. Francisco Gomez clarified that Board Members could speak but were not allowed to mention that they represented the Senior Advisory Board.

Board Member McNeeley expressed concerns about the gender-neutral bathrooms and the West Hollywood residency requirements to serve on a City board or commission.

Board Member Allendorfer asked staff to make sure that the informational Social Services booklet they receive annually from City Hall will be sent again next year. Francisco Gomez said the book is being updated and will be mailed to all City residents.

Chair Walkup invited the Board to attend the Gay Men's Chorus concert on Dec. 17th and 18th at the Alex Theater in Glendale.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned in memory of the shooting victims at Club Q in Colorado to its next special meeting on December 21 at 2 PM, location to be determined.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON

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