# SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020 2 PM

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

# 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Michael Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

# 3. ROLL CALL

Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, Michael

Hollingsworth, William McNeeley, Joy Nuell and Lee Walkup

Staff present: Francisco Gomez, Leslie Isenberg, and Kim Patterson

# 4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The Board moved to adjourn in memory of all the people who have died of COVID-19 this year. Leslie Isenberg read the obituary of Martin Strudler, and the Board reflected on how they wish they had gotten to know him better.

# 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved.

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 25, 2020 meeting were approved.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

# 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Mandi Carpenter, Director of Arts, Wellness and Engagement (AWE) Programming, reported on the December programming and highlighted the upcoming January activities. She announced that she has accepted another job. The Boardmembers and staff expressed their deep appreciation for her work and wished her well.

#### B. DIAL-A-RIDE / TLC PROGRAM UPDATE

Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, provided an update on the Dial-a-Ride and TLC programs, and the changes that were made due to COVID-19.

#### C. FOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Leslie Isenberg provided an update on the food programs and services available to older adults in the community, including Jewish Family Services SOVA Food Pantry, JFS Nutrition, Seeds of Hope, and Project Angel Food. Francisco Gomez added details on the coordination between the City's Transit services and the food programs to provide additional home-delivered food and meals required by COVID-19 restrictions.

# 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## 11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Baum asked about rebroadcasts of City Council meetings. Staff will investigate and report back to the Board. Boardmember McNeeley added that the Council meetings are either not listed or are mislabeled when broadcast.

Boardmember Walkup announced that KCET/PBS will broadcast the County's annual holiday celebration on December 24 and 25. The Gay Men's Chorus will perform in the first hour. He also noted that the President may veto the government support bill and the COVID relief bill.

Chair Allendorfer reported that yesterday's Seniors in Action event was smaller but the participants had a good discussion.

Boardmember Dixon asked about former Boardmember Bernice Levin. Staff will call her and let the Board know. She also suggested that a postcard be sent to all seniors in the City to inform them about the many services that are offered. Staff reported that a trilingual Social Services brochure is being finalized and will

put an item on the January or February agenda to further discuss promoting the social services programs available to West Hollywood community members.

Vice-Chair Hollingsworth expressed his gratefulness for being a part of the Board's work, and thanked staff for their assistance.

The Board wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.

#### 12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Leslie Isenberg wished everyone happy holidays. She also thanked her colleagues for their assistance.

#### 13. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:30 PM in memory of all the people who have died of COVID-19 this year to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

> John Allendorfer JOHN ALLENDORFER. **CHAIRPERSON**

ATTEST:

Leslie Asenberg STAFF LIAISON

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