

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nadia Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER NADIA SUTTON

Mayor Lindsey Horvath swore-in Nadia Sutton.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Staff present: David Giugni Katie Egan, Francisco Gomez, Leslie Isenberg, and Kim Patterson

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Boardmember Baum moved to adjourn in memory of Steve Afriat.

Chair Allendorfer moved to adjourn in memory of Brian Sicknick.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved with one abstention.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 23, 2020 meeting were approved with one abstention.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember John Erickson welcomed Nadia Sutton to the Senior Advisory Board and thanked the Board for their work.

Victor Omelczenko, resident, congratulated Nadia Sutton on her Board appointment and thanked the Board for their service.

Katie Egan, Social Services Program Administrator, introduced herself to the Board and spoke about her work with the Aging in Place Initiative. She looks forward to working with the Senior Advisory Board.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Alex Pagan-Mejia from the Activities Program of Jewish Family Service reported on the January programming and highlighted the upcoming February activities through the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMISSION UPDATE

Helen Collins, Facilities and Field Services Division Manager, introduced Chair Tai Sunnanon and Vice-Chair Elaine Polachek of the Public Facilities Commission who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Commission's responsibilities. These include parks, buildings and memorial sites, tree maintenance, graffiti removal, and more. They detailed the progress and plans for the West Hollywood Park Phase II project.

C. INTRODUCTION FROM THE ARTS DIVISION OF CITY POET LAUREATE

Mike Che, Arts Coordinator, introduced the new City Poet Laureate, Brian Sonia-Wallace. Mr. Sonia-Wallace outlined his upcoming plans in the two-year honorary position, including WeHo Reads events and a collaborative Citywide poem. He led the Board in a writing exercise that involved contributing a line to the City poem.

D. SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Leslie Isenberg announced that the City will soon be mailing a trilingual (English, Spanish and Russian) Social Services guide to every residence in West Hollywood. She also gave a comprehensive report on the many ways the City is informing its residents of the services that are provided with the more than \$5 million granted to non-profit organizations who serve the West Hollywood community. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Updates in the Rental Stabilization & Housing newsletter which is sent to 17,000 renters;
- Promotion by contracted Social Service agencies through the \$165,000 budget enhancement in 2019-20;
- Details on the City's website, weho.org;
- Nixle alerts for urgent notifications through email or phone

E. SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD 2021 MEETING DATES

The Board approved the 2021 meeting calendar.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Meltzer, Human Services Commission liaison, welcomed Nadia Sutton to the Board, and praised the new Social Services guide.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Board members expressed concern about the lack of a kitchen in the plans for West Hollywood Park Phase II. Staff will request that Helen Collins, Facilities Manager, return to provide details of the plans.

Boardmember Walkup reported that he spoke to Tori Osborne, deputy to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and Cedars Sinai Hospital about getting the vaccine.


13. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Francisco Gomez gave an update on the COVID-19 vaccine, including the County's website and phone number, as well as the details for three Social Services agencies which are providing assistance in scheduling vaccine appointments for residents. He acknowledged the difficulties being experienced by many who are trying to get a vaccination, and asked people to be patient as increased amounts of the vaccine are anticipated.

Leslie Isenberg reported that former Boardmember Bernice Levin is doing well and sends her love.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 4:20 PM in memory of Steve Afriat and Brian Sicknick to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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JOHN ALLENDORFER,
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON

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