

SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021  
2 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Nuell at 2 PM.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
Boardmember Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. ROLL CALL  
Members present: John Allendorfer, Esther Baum, Pat Dixon, David Eichman, Michael Hollingsworth, Joy Nuell, Nadia Sutton, and Lee Walkup.  
  
Members absent: William McNeeley  
  
Staff present: Katie Egan, Leslie Isenberg, and Francisco Gomez
4. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS  
Boardmember Hollingsworth asked to adjourn in the memory of Stephen Sondheim.
5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
The Board unanimously approved the agenda.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
The minutes for November 24, 2021, meeting were approved unanimously by the Board.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Karen Ayres, liaison from the Rent Stabilization Commission, wished everyone a happy holiday season and thanked the Board for the vital work that they do.
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. LA METRO'S FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM  
The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Francisco Gomez, Transportation Program Administrator, regarding LA Metro's Fareless System Initiative Project. The update provided the Board information about Metro's plans to resume fare collection on buses on January 10<sup>th</sup>, the expansion of Metro's Low-

Income Fare is Easy (LIFE) program, and temporary reductions in the cost of Metro fare products.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. NUTRITION PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Senior Advisory Board received a presentation on Jewish Family Services' Senior Nutrition Program from Siri Perlman, Director of Senior Nutrition Services. The presentation provided the Board with an overview of the services offered by the program, detailed information regarding the nutritional content of meals prepared by Jewish Family Services' staff, and a summary of individuals served during the previous program year.

Boardmember Dixon asked about volunteer opportunities at the JFS Nutrition program. Siri let the Boardmember know that JFS staff is developing a volunteer program to assist when staffing levels are low and that she would share information with the Board once the program is launched.

Boardmember Baum spoke about the excellent service provided by the JFS Nutrition program. She also complimented the quality and taste of the meals provided by the program.

Chair Nuell thanked the staff at JFS Nutrition for their great work to provide meals to the City's most vulnerable residents.

B. 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. Marina Goldshteyn let the Board know that the Activity Program organized a total of 27 weekly recurring events, two monthly, and eight one-time events in November. Seven hundred sixty-one individuals participated in the events, with 433 of those participants being West Hollywood residents. Marina let the Board know that they offered several literature-focused events, a winter festival focused on winter holidays, and highlighted planned virtual museum tours. Marina also noted plans to provide introductory Spanish and Russian language classes in the second quarter of the year.

Boardmember Allendorfer reminded the Board and the public of the upcoming Seniors in Action meeting.

C. WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY UPDATE

The Senior Advisory Board received an update from Matt Gill, West Hollywood Library Manager, on current library operations, including in-person service and a regular schedule of virtual programs. Matt let the Board know that the library is almost back to full service but noted that study rooms are still closed, and library maximum occupancy limits are reduced. The library anticipates returning to pre-COVID-19 hours of operation in 2022. Matt let the Board know that the library is still not offering many in-person activities. However, he noted that virtual programming continues, including a class on Advanced Google Search, Engineering in the Environment, LGBT Book Club, and Women's Book Club. Matt also informed the Board that the County Library eliminated overdue fees to increase access to books and other library materials.

Boardmember Dixon asked about the possibility of scheduling a play reading at the library.

Boardmember Eichman asked about the rationale for not allowing patrons to reserve a study room at the library. Matt informed the Boardmember that the decision is based on recommendations for LA County Public Health and the need to disinfect the study rooms as people use those rooms.

Chair Nuell asked about the average age of people who come for storytime and if the Advanced Google Search class would be available online. Matt let the Chair know that the storytime program is geared to children under the age of six and that the Advanced Google Search class would be a virtual class that is only available online.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT  
None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Walkup spoke on an item he would like the Senior Advisory Board to place on a future meeting agenda. The item pertains to the Los Angeles Community College District and vision-impaired students. The Board expressed an interest in having this item placed on a future meeting agenda.

Boardmember Baum voiced her concern with the City's cannabis ordinance and requested that the Board consider requesting staff bring an update on cannabis to a future meeting. The Board agreed and requested an update on the cannabis ordinance be placed on a future meeting agenda.

Boardmember Allendorfer asked about the Senior Advisory Budget and what that budget covers. Leslie Isenberg, Social Services Supervisor, let the Boardmember

knows that the budget covers Boardmember stipends and noted that there are also funds in the Social Services Division budget that cover activities related to the work of the Senior Advisory Board.

Boardmember Eichman asked about recent organizational changes in the City and whether any of those changes affected the Social Services Division. Leslie Isenberg let the Board know that the organizational changes have not impacted the Social Services Division.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Katie Egan, Social Services Program Administrator, discussed the City's upcoming Guaranteed Income Pilot Program that will target LGBTQ older adults. She let the Board know that staff would update the Board on this pilot program in early 2022.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 3:16 PM to its next teleconference meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2021, beginning at 2 PM.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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*Leslie Isenberg*

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STAFF LIAISON

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