

**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022  
2:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 PM by Chair Nuell.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: William McNeeley

Staff present: David Giugni, Leslie Isenberg, Francisco Gomez, and Joyce Britton

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boardmember Hollingsworth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Allendorfer, seconded by Boardmember Sutton and approved unanimously by the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Allendorfer, seconded by Boardmember Sutton and approved unanimously by the Board.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Kahn-Epstein, Strategic Initiatives Program Administrator, spoke about the revised West Hollywood Pilot for Guaranteed Income for older adult community members needing financial support.

Lauren Meister, Mayor, City of West Hollywood, applauded the Board for their work and extended the commendation on behalf of the City Council and the rest of the City.

David Giugni, Social Services Manager, thanked the Board and congratulated them on another year of service, and thanked the staff for their work and support of the Board.

Louise Smith, a West Hollywood resident and liaison to the Disabilities Advisory Board and congratulated the Board on Senior Month. She also spoke about

representing District 3 as a Commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities.

7. NEW BUSINESS

**A. BOARDMEMBER INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Members of the Senior Advisory Board introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their involvement on the Board.

**B. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM AND IMPROV ACTIVITY**

Marina Goldshteyn, Jewish Family Service (JFS), discussed programs and classes sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center. Brian Hamill, an Improv class teacher for JFS's Activities Department, conducted an improv activity with the Board.

**C. OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING PRIDE EVENTS**

Megan Reath, Event Services Supervisor, provided an overview of planned activities and events for the City's inaugural Pride celebration occurring June 3-5. She encouraged the Board to visit [weho.org/pride](http://weho.org/pride) for more information.

Action: Received and discussed.

**D. UPDATE ON UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

The Senior Advisory Board received a presentation and updates focused on upcoming elections from the City Clerk, Melissa Crowder, and Assistant City Clerk, Alyssa Poblador.

Action: Received and discussed.

**E. 2023 ARTS GRANT PROGRAM**

Eva Angeloff, a Grants Coordinator, spoke about the 2023 Arts Grant Program and described the funding opportunities available to artists and nonprofits.

Michael Che, Arts Coordinator, provided an update on the Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival, which runs from May 22 through the end of June.

Action: Received and discussed.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Francisco Gomez, Transit Program Administrator, spoke about the new way of getting agendas to the Board and asked for feedback. He provided an update on the status of resuming in-person meetings.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsay Horvath, West Hollywood City Council, wished the Board a happy Senior Month and thanked them for their work for the seniors in the community by advancing important policies and creating awareness.

10. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Boardmember Allendorfer spoke about the Seniors in Action meeting and encouraged the Board to attend. He asked to adjourn in memory of the Buffalo shooting victims and the Texas shooting victims.

Vice-Chair Walkup spoke about the shootings and things that could be done to make positive progress in the situation. He mentioned an upcoming concert by the LA Gay Men's Chorus at Plummer Park.

Boardmember Eichman spoke about his participation in the Community Safety and Well Being focus group.

Boardmember Baum spoke about some issues she has encountered with the Los Angeles Times' billing department.

The Board discussed receiving an update on the City's moratorium on rent increases and also shared concerns they have with the United States Postal Service.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Board adjourned at 4:03 PM to its next meeting, held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM via teleconference.

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