MINUTES OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY BOARD CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2023 2:00 PM

WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM 8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD. WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90069

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dixon called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: John Allendorfer, Wendy Carell, Pat Dixon, Michael Hollingsworth, Russell "RJ" Holguin, Nadia Sutton, Lee Walkup

ABSENT: Bill McNeeley

STAFF: Francisco Gomez, Becca Lubin

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Russell "RJ" Holguin led the Pledge.

C. SWEARING IN OF BOARD MEMBERS

Russell "RJ" Holguin and Wendy Carell were sworn in as Older Adults Advisory Board Members.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the October 25th, 2023, meeting agenda.

ACTION: Motion by Board Member Hollingsworth, seconded by Vice Chair Allendorfer. MOTION PASSED.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Older Adults Advisory Board is requested to approve the September 27th, 2023, Senior Advisory Board meeting minutes.

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Watts, a West Hollywood Resident, spoke on Disabilities Awareness Month, Service Awards, and the Disabilities Advisory Board's Health and Wellness Event. He also thanked the Older Adults Advisory Board for sharing input that helped inform event planning.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEMS FROM SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

Becca Lubin, Program Administrator, provided information about recent and upcoming programs sponsored by the West Hollywood Comprehensive Services Center.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

B. MAPLE COUNSELING CENTER UPDATE

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update on Maple Counseling Center services from Kira Mintz, Welcome Center Director.

ACTION: Received and discussed.

C. PRESENTATION ON WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The Older Adults Advisory Board received an update on the West Hollywood Library programs from Library Manager Arpine Eloyan.

ACTIONS: Received and discussed.

D. DISCUSSION ON OLDER ADULT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING LOGISTICS

The Older Adults Advisory Board discussed meeting logistics and the streaming of Board meetings on Zoom. As a result of the discussion, the Board asked staff to work to implement streaming board meetings on Zoom and provided staff with feedback relating to the mailing and printing of agenda packets. Specifically, the Board asked for implementing environmentally friendly practices, such as printing double-sided packets, removing optional items like presenter slide decks from mailed packets, and including page numbers to help keep printed items in order.

ACTIONS: Received and discussed.

3. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff liaisons welcomed Board members Holguin and Carrell to the Older Adults Advisory Board. They also led a discussion regarding the Older Adults Advisory Board November meeting, scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving. Liaisons suggested that the Board change their November meeting date to November 15th; the Board unanimously agreed with the staff's suggestion.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Chair Dixon and Vice Chair Allendorfer provided an update on a recent outreach activity they both engaged in at Plummer Park to help inform older adults about available services and the work of the Older Adults Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Allendorfer provided an update on the October meeting of Seniors in Action and shared information about the City Council's actions regarding micromobility devices.

Board Member Carrell expressed her excitement about being appointed to the Board. She also volunteered as a liaison between the Older Adults Advisory Board and the Human Services Commission.

Board Members Walkup and Hollingsworth asked the Board to consider directing staff to return with an item focused on marketing City social services programs. The Board agreed unanimously. Staff informed the Board that they would work on bringing an item for discussion at a future meeting. He also updated the Disabilities Advisory Board's Health and Wellness event, urged members to get their flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines, and shared information about the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles' upcoming holiday concert series.

Board Member Hollingsworth welcomed the newly appointed Board Members.

Board member Sutton mentioned One Generation, an organization that works in the area of older adult services she would like the Board to connect with.

Chair Dixon motioned to adjourn in memory of Donna Saur and those who lost their lives due to the Israel-Hamas conflict.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Older Adults Advisory Board adjourned at 3:25 PM in memory of Donna Saur and the lives lost in the Israel-Hamas conflict to its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Plummer Park Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

PAT DIXON CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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