



DATE: September 9, 2015

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Senior Commission

FROM: Manuel A. Hernandez, Recreation & Community Services Director

SUBJECT: Hillview Community Center and Park Design Phase

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss and develop recommendations for the City Council to consider in the design phase of the Hillview Community Center and Park project

BACKGROUND

At the August 25, 2015 City Council meeting, staff presented a report to confirm the Hillview Community Center and Park project design phase planning process. The Council continued this report to a future meeting in order to allow time for the Senior Commission, Youth Commission, and Parks and Recreation Commission to provide input regarding programming, usage and design of the proposed new Hillview Community Center and Park project. Council will consider the input from each Commission for the next step of planning for the project.

The City of Los Altos has completed the first stage of the planning process with the conceptual design and cost model. When funding is secured for the Hillview Community Center and Park project, the next stage is designing the improvements. Steps in the design phase include a process to solicit proposals from qualified and interested architectural firms. Once a firm is selected, the process will enter into the design development stage. During this stage, the selected architect will translate the conceptual plan into design ideas, with input from and in consultation of the City. Finally, once Council has approved the facilities design, construction drawings and specifications will be created so the project can be bid for construction.

DISCUSSION

In the process of creating the conceptual design and cost model, the Senior, Youth, and Parks and Recreation Commissions have provided input for consideration.

The Senior Commission included Community Center discussions on its meeting agendas on July 1 and August 5, 2013. On February 3, 2014, surveys for best practices and model programs for seniors was discussed. A presentation of results of an in-depth study done by a Commission sub-committee was reviewed and finalized at the April 7, 2014 meeting, then presented to City Council at its May 27, 2014 meeting. The Senior Commission was also involved in the Stakeholder Engagement Meetings on February 26 and May 8, 2014.

In March 2015, five new members began their appointments on the Senior Commission. With this significant turnover of members, the current Senior Commission would like an opportunity provide its input to the City Council on the Hillview Community Center and Park project as it pertains to the specific needs of the seniors in the community. Topics for discussion include, but are not limited to, designation of a Senior Wing, designated senior entrance, dedicated space for seniors, and shared use rooms and amenities.

Attachments:

- A. Council agenda report entitled *Confirm the Hillview Community Center and Park project design phase planning process*, dated August 25, 2015.
- B. Council agenda report entitled *Hillview Community Center and Park Project Design Phase Planning Process Update*, dated September 15, 2015

