

Senior Commission 2013/14 Summary of Accomplishments

Senior Commission members have worked diligently to complete the goals as stated in their work plan.

Accomplishments include the creation of a new commissioner orientation. This orientation includes a meeting with a Senior Commissioner where a binder which highlights the Commission's past accomplishments is given along with any questions or background information that the new Commissioner requests.

In the area of transportation the Senior Commissioners created a Los Altos/Los Altos Hills senior focused alternative transportation resource document for distribution and publication in the Senior Commission Resource Guide.

At the April 22, 2013 special meeting, Senior Commissioners approved support of the Senior Center ADA, Ergonomic and Updating CIP when in conjunction with the 2 million Hillview improvement project for restrooms and roof. Commissioners also reviewed and made recommendations for City of Los Altos CIP priorities. The Senior Commission placed the remodeling or reconstruction of the Senior Center as the highest priority.

The Senior Commission co-sponsored and helped to publicize several educational programs including: Encore, *Stepping On* program, 2014 Medicare Updates, Cooking for a healthy, happy Thanksgiving.

The Senior Commission has been collaborating with The Los Altos Rotary Partners for Elder Generations (PEG) committee on a variety of projects including an emergency preparedness back/roller pack event for seniors on April 5 2014. The Commission seeks to share information and cooperate with other civic organizations whose mission includes service to seniors like Los Altos Prepares and the Los Altos Community Foundation.

Commissioners completed a comprehensive update and documentation of the Senior Resource Manual and it is now bound and available. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce annual brochure has been updated per seniors. Commissioner Smith developed a comprehensive binder of Age-Friendly Community Events.

Throughout the year, commissioners visited local community/senior centers and gathered/compiled data to serve as a database for future recommendations on best practices in senior centers.

Commissioners completed the annual walking survey of downtown core lighting and submitted a report to the City in December, 2013. The report notes street lighting that has either burned out bulbs or leaves and branches covering the lights to such an extent so as to dim them. The report also notes areas of the downtown core that are almost too completely dark resulting in a walking a hazard. The newest recommendation in this current report is to leave the attractive tree lighting on year round.

The Senior Scholarship Program has been revamped and continues to serve the Senior Community.

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