

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ALTOS/TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS, HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03,  
2020, AT 3:30 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS TOWN HALL (COUNCIL CHAMBERS) 26379  
FREMONT ROAD,  
LOS ALTOS HILLS, CALIFORNIA**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair O'Reilly, Vice Chair Nagao, Commissioner Harding, Commissioner Torbeck,  
Commissioner Yu, Commissioner Basiji, Commissioner Buchholz

ABSENT:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Katie Roper, Board Member of Red Cross of Silicon Valley came, as per request of Sarah Robustelli, Community Services Supervisor with Los Altos Hills, to discuss what she does as a Red Cross Representative who desires to speak on Emergency Preparedness to the senior population of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

King Lear, Los Altos Legacies came with Donna Verna, Los Altos Rotary Endowment Fund, and Gil Eakins, SIRS, (Seniors in Retirement), to comment in favor of having Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park.

King Lear gave a handout, entitled A Logical Analysis, to Commissioners and requested the Senior Commission revisit the tabling that was put in motion, in favor of continuing the discussion about building Bocce Ball courts at Grant Park.

Larry Barron, Former Parks Commissioner, spoke in favor of building Bocce Ball Courts at Grant and to recommend the Senior Commission use a professional to facilitate a survey for Bocce Ball if a survey is going to be done.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. Commission Minutes  
Action: After discussion on corrections to the minutes, upon motion Commissioner Harding moved to approve minutes with changes, seconded by Commissioner Torbeck, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of January 06, 2020.

2. Item # 2 Discuss Bocce Ball Courts At Grant

Commission Chair O'Reilly brought the Commissions attention to the specific Bocce Ball Court proposal before it. He asked the Commissioners if it might be helpful to disaggregate the question. First to see if there was sentiment for or against the idea of Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park. If not, then any consideration of the specific proposal would be moot. If there were positive sentiment, then the Commission would take up the question of the specific proposal.

## Attachments Handed Out to Commission

### A. A Logical Analysis

#### Public Comment:

There were (3) speakers who came to discuss Item 2. Below is a list of the residents who came to speak:

- Larry Baron
- King Lear
- Donna Verna

#### Discussion:

The senior commission took some time to discuss their thoughts and opinions regarding the topic of Bocce Ball Courts. They continue to feel it is important to go through the process pertaining to improvements that would be made at Grant Park.

#### Action:

Upon motion by Commission Chair O'Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Basijii. The Senior Commission is in favor of Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park in some appropriate location. Motion passed six in favor and one abstention.

Upon motion by Commissioner Harding and seconded by Commission Chair O'Reilly. Eliminate the survey idea, all in favor.

Upon motion by Commissioner O'Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Harding. The commission dissolved the sub-committee previously intended to form. It was approved by six and abstained by one.

Move to strike due to error the motion by Commissioner O'Reilly. Commissioner Nagao move to strike due to error the motion by Commissioner O'Reilly. Upon motion by Commissioner O'Reilly and seconded by Commission Harding. The question posed that the Senior Commission recommend to City Council to accept the proposal of building Bocce Ball Courts at Grant Park "as is" or "re-do" it. In favor, six, abstain, one. Commissioner Torbeck seconded all in favor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Basijii and seconded by Commissioner Harding. Place the question of the Bocce Ball Court Proposal for decision by the Senior Commission on the March 2 Senior Commission agenda, passed unanimously.

### 3. Item # 3 Review and discuss status of Grant Community Center Projects

#### Public Comment

None

Action: None

Discussion

Donna Legge, Director of The Recreation and Community Services Department recommends taking Review and Discuss Status of Grant Community Center Projects off the Agenda Item. Commissioners want to leave it on the Agenda to continue to receive updates on ongoing repairs, added projects such as the Pavilion, electrical, update of the kitchen.

4. Item# 4 Review and discuss status of Hillview Community Center Project

Public Comment: None

Action: None

Discussion:

Donna Legge, Director of The Recreation and Community Services Department reported on furniture being looked at and discussed for comfort, efficiency and longevity. Commissioner Harding added construction work is being done on Saturdays. Commissioner Torbeck is established as the person on the Task Force for furniture recommendation at the Senior Program part of the new Community Center.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

5. Receive information and announcements from City Staff

Los Altos Hills:

Join the Monthly Pathways Walk Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Parks and Recreation Building. Residents can RSVP by visiting the Town's Event Calendar at:

[losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx)

Master Five Money Questions for Women will be held Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 4:00pm in the Council Chambers. This course is free of charge.

Teaching Seniors Technology will be held from Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00 – 5:00pm in the Parks and Recreation Building. Residents can RSVP at: <http://seniortech.cf/>

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> Recyclables Processing Tour will be offered at Greenwaste's Materials Recovery Facility from 11:00 am – Noon. Residents can RSVP at: [losaltoshills.ca.gov/greenwastetour](http://losaltoshills.ca.gov/greenwastetour)

Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Stay Active, Stay Safe, Stay for Lunch: Preparing Caregivers for Home Emergencies will be held from 10:00 am – Noon in the Council chambers.

City of Los Altos

**First Time Rideshare Users: 2020 Ride Reimbursement Program Orientation and Kick-Off Event!**

Monday, February 3, 2020 at 11:15 am at Grant Park Community Center, Room 2

**Part I:** Hands-on demonstrations by volunteers on how to use phone applications (apps) to schedule free transportation around Los Altos and Los Altos Hills. Followed by lunch at Bell Tower Café using your cell phone to schedule your ride!

**Part II:** Learn step-by-step reimbursement process

Space is limited to 15 participants. Sign up now at (650)947-2797 or drop in at the Grant Park Community Center, Room 4

**Mini Trip to Oakland Museum of California**

The Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) offers three historical disciplines art, history, and natural science. Trip price includes museum admission, transportation and gratuity. Lunch is on your own at the Museum's Blue Oak Café.

Wednesday, February, 12, 2020 from 9:45 (check-in) to 3 pm

Meet at Los Altos Youth Center at 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos

Price: Member \$63/Non-member \$73. Space is limited to 12 participants.

**2020 Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, between 7:30 am and 11:30 am in Rosita Park

Volunteer duties include set up, bunny support, line management, and clean up.

**COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Community Center Subcommittee**

None

**Outreach Subcommittee**

None

**Spring Fling**

Chair Harding discussed logistical items and who will be handling the items she was directly overseeing since she will no longer be a Commissioner after this meeting. Commission Chair

O'Reilly volunteered to handle the City Permit for the event in the absence of Commissioner Harding. Commissioner Harding has secured Joey as the DJ after being updated about other options that no longer exist.

**Transportation Subcommittee**

None

**Housing Subcommittee**

Commissioner Harding suggested there is no need to continue with current project due to lack of response by senior residents that impedes progress on solutions to the matter. All agreed.

**Health and Safety Subcommittee**

None

**Age Friendly Subcommittee**

Commissioner Harding suggested assigning another Commissioner to this committee since she will be leaving. Commissioner Buchholz volunteered to work on this committee.

**Online Resource Library**

Commission Chair O'Reilly suggested replacing narratives with points for easier reading and listing. All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT-5:12PM**