

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 04, 2021 AT 3:30 PM, VIA VIDEO  
TELECONFERENCE IN LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Chair O'Reilly, Vice Chair Nagao, Commissioners Basiji, Cohen, Torbeck and Yu

ABSENT: Commissioner Buchholz

Chairman O'Reilly welcomes new Mayor Neysa Fligor as the new Senior Commission Liaison.

**PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE**

**SENIOR COMMISSION REMINDER**

- A. Chair O'Reilly will remind the Commission briefly about policy and procedure during meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Los Altos resident, Pat Marriott's email on prioritizing agenda items was noted and due to COVID-19 protocols, deadlines will be difficult. Plan to put it on the next meeting's agenda.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. Commission Minutes  
Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Cohen, seconded by Commissioner Basiji, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of November 02, 2020.
2. Vote on Workshops  
Discussion and vote on workshops that were mentioned at the November 02, 2020 Senior Commission Meeting.

Sarah Robustelli, Los Altos Hills Liaison:

Contacted the Aging Workshops Contractor, and the workshops are free, informal and are contractually without any solicitations. Would like the Commissioners to rank and settle on 2 workshops for now. Favorites were established at the last meeting are "Documents for Aging Seniors" and "Planning: Senior Care Options".

Commissioner Cohen:

Wants to emphasize "No Soliciting" in the vendor's contract. To be conducted via Zoom rather than Channel 15 and recorded and put on our website. The contractor is willing to stagger the workshops to 2 subjects per season/quarter. Also wants printed materials

available of the Power Point presentations to the participants. Each workshop is 1 – 1.5 hours.

Action Item: Commissioners Basiji and Yu to re-evaluate workshops after the first two have been completed.

### Public Comment

None

Action: Commissioner Yu moved to vote on workshops and Commissioner Basiji seconded. Unanimously Approved

### 3. Needs Assessment

Senior Commission discussed if there is a need to explore a cell phone program for seniors

Sarah Robustelli, Los Altos Hills Liaison: This cell phone program was brought up at the November 02, 2020 Senior Commission Meeting by Los Altos Hills Mayor Wu. There is a state program detailed in Ms. Robustelli's staff report but Los Altos Hills does not have sufficient staff or funding to provide this service. Possibly promote this idea in the next activity guide or Spotlight Newsletter asking for any interest.

Bridget Matheson, Liaison: After consulting with Cheri Anderson the 50+ Coordinator, have not received any requests for any such program. The Los Altos Recreation Department does not have the bandwidth to support this program.

Commissioner Basiji: Research shows that eligibility is based on means and that is not a Los Altos issue. Establish a real need and seek funding.

Chair O'Reilly: Lack of interest in digital connectivity suggests a subcommittee to bring back recommendations to the Senior Commission.

Commissioner Cohen: Is against another sub-committee and would rather see an ad in the Spotlight newsletter and/or Nextdoor asking for any interest in providing cell phones and service and training.

ACTION: Table for future consideration at a 6 month or later meeting by Chair O'Reilly and seconded by Commissioner Basiji and unanimously approved.

### Public Comment

None

### 4. Workplan

Chair O'Reilly: Thought it would be useful to review the Workplan with the Senior Commission. But in a holding pattern due to COVID-19. Vision to expand Senior Programs in the new Community Center and Grant Park. Evaluation is still in progress. Tabled to after COVID-19 is under control.

Public Comment

None

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

5. Information and Announcements

Sarah Robustelli, Los Altos Hills Liaison: Holiday activities and Winter scavenger hunt, new pop-up photo frame and the Town Hall. Food drive moved to virtual with a \$500 goal. 2021 inspirational banners due in March. Senior pen pal program and advice forum.

Bridgit Matheson, Liaison: Winter classes Feb 22 to March 29. Spotlight newsletter and COVID-19 resources updated. 19<sup>th</sup> annual New Year's Day Fun Run is virtual this year from Jan 1 – 8. Senior Connection hotline still fully staffed. Ride reimbursement and road runners program demand is down. Cable KMVT 15 programming continues.

Public Comment

None

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Cheri Anderson, 50+ Coordinator: Following success of the Holiday programs will be having events in February: Valentine Scramble and Laughter Yoga.

**DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Cohen: Wants information and communication on COVID-19 vaccine implementation. Mayor Fligor notes that the County of Santa Clara and the State of California and not the City of Los Altos will be coordinating a plan and hopes to have more information for our next commissioners meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair O'Reilly adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.