



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor &
City Council Members
SUBJECT: The Public Record
May 11-30, 2006

FROM: Lee Price
MMC, City Clerk
DATE: June 1, 2006

ITEMS TRANSMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None.

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

- (a) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the Mayor and City Council, dated May 11, 2006, expressing concern about the outcome of affordable housing in the Coyote Valley.
- (b) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the Mayor and City Council, dated May 11, 2006, requesting that the Valley Transit Authority be urged to install a bus stop at Northside Community Center and/or provide a community bus (DASH Vehicle) to serve citizens.
- (c) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the Mayor and City Council, dated May 11, 2006, recommending that background checks, including State and Federal, be made for volunteers in all City operated programs with at risk or vulnerable populations.
- (d) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the Mayor and City Council, dated May 24, 2006, recommending that the need for senior citizens to enjoy the quality of life associated with adequate neighborhood and regional recreations facilities be placed on the City Council agenda prior to June 30, 2006.
- (e) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the Mayor and City Council, dated May 26, 2006, recommending that nutrition contributions from the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF) meal sites currently deposited in the General Fund be redirected to the HNVF, Addressing the Gaps in Aging Services to be used to support current HNVF nutrition sites.
- (f) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the CDBG Steering Committee, dated May 26, 2006, requesting that a liaison from the Senior Citizens Commission be allowed status as a voting member on the CDBG Steering Committee.

ITEMS FILED FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD (Cont'd.)

- (g) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to Acting Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, dated May 26, 2006, asking to include participation of the Senior Citizens Commission on the Citywide group updating the San José Greenprint, once the group is resumed.
- (h) Letter from Marilou Cristina, Chair, San José Senior Citizens Commission, to the Mayor and City Council, dated May 26, 2006, urging them to retain the Gerontology Specialist position that supports the Older Adult Resource Program by moving it from the HNVF to the General Fund.



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May 11, 2006

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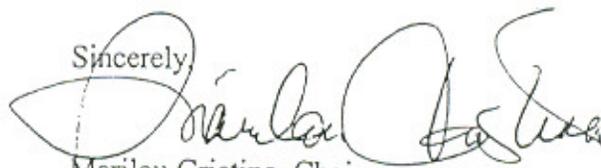
Dear Mayor Gonzales and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission out of concern about the outcome of affordable housing in the Coyote Valley. The commission is in support of the proposal for affordable housing in the Coyote Valley Plan that will require 20% of all housing be affordable to low income residents, and that 30% of the 20% of this housing be affordable to extremely low income households.

The commission voted unanimously at its April meeting to recommend that a letter be forwarded to the Coyote Valley Task Force in care of the City of San José Planning Department stating this position.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS
Director of Planning Department

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May 11, 2006

Mayor Ron Gonzales
Members of the San José City Council
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Dear Mayor Gonzales and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission to request that the Valley Transit Authority (VTA) be urged to immediately install a bus stop at Northside Community Center and/or to provide a community bus (DASH vehicle) to serve citizens in this area.

It has come to our attention that the bus stop was removed quite some time ago, while Northside was undergoing renovation. Now that construction is complete, and the community center is fully operational, it is vital for the senior participants of the community center, residents in that area, and the large number of seniors residing at the Mabuhay Court Apartments to have services in this location restored. Many of the participants rely on public transportation, and must walk quite a distance from the nearest bus stop.

In discussing the issue with a VTA executive who attended the Senior Citizens Commission meeting in March, we were informed that VTA is not in a position to expand services at this time, but they did offer the alternative of providing a community bus (DASH vehicle), which accommodates 25 passengers.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS

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Dear Mayor Gonzales and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission to recommend that background checks, including state and federal, be made for volunteers in all City-operated programs with at-risk or vulnerable populations.

Since the Senior Citizens Commission began researching this issue, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) has granted permission to have the fifty participants of the Senior Companion Program processed (fingerprints and background checks) at the reduced rate of \$38 to be paid by the Department of Employee Services. However, there is still concern that these volunteers and others who work at senior centers may have been identified as sexual predators in other states and that no check will be made through the FBI which would reveal that information.

We understand that the Federal background check would cost an additional \$18, and we consider this is a small price to pay in comparison to any lawsuits relating to possible assault by an unauthorized volunteer to our senior clients either in their home or on the grounds of the senior center.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,


Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS

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May 24, 2006

Mayor Ron Gonzales
Members of the San José City Council
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200 East Santa Clara Street
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Dear Mayor Gonzales and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission to recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department report, calling for a review of the language in the Parkland Dedication Ordinance (PDO) and the Park Impact Ordinance (PIO) emphasizing the need for senior citizens to continue to enjoy the quality of life associated with adequate neighborhood and regional recreational facilities, be placed on the City Council agenda for review prior to June 30, 2006.

This recommendation was made by the Senior Citizens Commission at its May 11 meeting and was unanimously approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Marilou Cristina
Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS
Helen Chapman, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair

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May 26, 2006

Mayor Ron Gonzales
Members of the San José City Council
San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
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Dear Mayor Gonzales and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission, recommending that nutrition contributions from the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF) meal sites currently deposited into the General Fund, be redirected to the HNVF "Addressing the Gaps in Aging Services" to be used to support current HNVF nutrition sites.

The Office on Aging receives a grant from HNVF to operate senior nutrition programs at Almaden (CD 10), Alviso (CD 4), Cypress (CD1), Gardner (CD3) and Kirk (CD9). Senior participants are asked to make a contribution of \$2.00 for their meal. This contribution is in alignment with nutrition programs throughout the County that are funded by the Santa Clara County Department of Aging and Adult Services-Senior Nutrition Program.

Currently, these contributions are deposited into fee revenue with the General Fund. We are recommending that these contributions go back into the grant to help support the nutrition programs. These contributions (approximately \$45,000) could pay for additional meals that are much needed at these sites. Seniors may also be more inclined to make a contribution if they know it is going back into additional meals.

This recommendation was made by the Senior Citizens Commission at its May 11 meeting and was unanimously approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Marilou Cristina

Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS

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May 26, 2006

CDBG Steering Committee, Chairperson
c/o Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
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Dear Committee Chair,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission, requesting that a liaison from this group be allowed status as a "voting" member on the CDBG Steering Committee.

The Senior Commission had appointed a liaison (Sue Sarbough) to the CDBG Steering Committee who was then granted status as a "voting" member. Sue Sarbough has since resigned from the Senior Commission and a new Commissioner will be appointed to be the liaison. The Senior Commission is asking that the new liaison be allowed status as a "voting" member.

This recommendation was made by the Senior Citizens Commission at its May 11 meeting and was unanimously approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Marilou Cristina
Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS
Art Catbagan, PRNS Superintendent

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Albert Balagso, Acting Director
Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services
San José City Hall
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, CA 95113

Dear Mr. Balagso,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission, as a reminder of the commitment by the former Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Sara Hensley, to include participation of the Senior Citizens Commission on the city-wide group updating the San Jose Greenprint, once the group is resumed.

Sara Hensley had approved appointing a Senior Commission representative and an alternate to the Greenprint Task Force. However, because of funding reductions, the project was put on hiatus, and the Task Force was temporarily suspended. The Senior Commission is urging that the new Director continue this commitment to the Senior Citizens Commission by having a representative serve on the Task Force once funding becomes available and it resumes.

This recommendation was made by the Senior Citizens Commission at its May 11 meeting and was unanimously approved.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Marilou Cristina
Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte
Les White, Acting City Manager
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Members of the San José City Council
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Dear Mayor Gonzales and Members of the City Council,

I am writing on behalf of the San José Senior Citizens Commission, urging you to retain the Gerontology Specialist position that supports the Older Adult Resource (OARS) program by moving it from the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund (HNVF) to the General Fund.

Currently, the OARS program has three Gerontology Specialists: two funded from HNVF and one from the General Fund. The Senior Commission would like at least one of the HNVF-funded positions to be shifted to more secure funding (General Fund).

The OARS program provides information and assistance to seniors and their families/caregivers and was identified as one of the top two priorities as an unmet need in the 2005 Aging Strategic Plan. The OARS program has initiated a senior telephone hot line that operates Monday through Friday, a centralized information and assistance center that provides counseling and linkage in all ten areas of unmet needs identified in the 2005 Aging Strategic Plan (including housing, language services, in-home support, caregiver support, senior centers and transportation).

In addition, this program provides weekly counseling appointments in all of the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) community and senior centers and provides for in-home assessments of frail seniors. The program also provides "Information and Assistance" resource binders at all the centers and trains the staff and volunteers on the provision of resources to their senior clients.

This recommendation was made by the Senior Citizens Commission at its May 11 meeting and was unanimously approved.

The Senior Citizens Commission appreciates consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Marilou Cristina
Marilou Cristina, Chair
San José Senior Citizens Commission

cc: Council Member Linda LeZotte; Council Member Judy Chirco; Les White, Acting City Manager;
Albert Balagso, Acting Director of PRNS