



DATE: March 7, 2022

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Senior Commission
FROM: Jaime Chew, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Age Friendly Program Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive update on the proposed assessment agreement with the Center for Age-Friendly Excellence (CAFÉ)

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

At its regular meeting on June 28, 2011, the Senior Commission proposed that City Council consider applying, on behalf of Los Altos, to join the World Health Organization (WHO) Network of Age-Friendly Cities. City Council supported the efforts and directed the Senior Commission to draft the application for Council's review. Staff was directed to provide an estimate regarding the number of anticipated staff hours required during years 1 and 2 of the planning phase.

On September 27, 2011, City Council approved the Los Altos application to the WHO Network of Age-friendly Cities with an amendment that included the removal of the proposed Senior Commission recommendations from the application to allow the process to be more aspirational in nature.

On June 7, 2021, Anabel Pelham, PhD and Founding Director for the Center for Age-Friendly Excellence (CAFÉ), gave a presentation to the Senior Commission on Age-Friendly Community Sustainability Principles from Grantmakers in Aging. CAFÉ was created to capture all the knowledge, capacity, experience, expertise, and process to become an Age-Friendly City and is currently working with 21 cities. Dr. Pelham has works closely with the California AARP who assists with the process to create a 5-year Age-Friendly Action Plan, as required by the program. The Subcommittee is interested in pursuing Dr. Pelham to assist the City of Los Altos to update its status and create an Action Plan for the WHO.

At the regular meeting of December 6, 2021, the Senior Commission approved the recommendation to engage CAFÉ to create an action plan to update the City of Los Altos Age Friendly status with the WHO.

Following the December 6, 2021, Senior Commission meeting, City staff worked with CAFÉ to update the Draft MOU (attachment 1) and Budget Scope (attachment 2). The updated documents are currently being reviewed by the City Attorney.

At present, engaging CAFÉ to create an action plan to update the City of Los Altos Age Friendly status with the WHO is not currently budgeted in Fiscal Year 2021/2022 which runs July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. City staff will plan to include this scope of work during the regular budgeting process for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Pending budget approval and adoption, work could begin after July 1, 2022.

Attachment:

1. Draft MOU
2. Budget Scope
3. Subcommittee Report