



SENIOR COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: Age Friendly

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Initiated by: City Staff

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommends to receive the report

Summary/Project Description:

Age Friendly Recertification Project

Fiscal Impact:

The Age Friendly recertification project will cost \$30K.

- Breakdown of funds to be used:
 - o \$30K General Fund
- Amount approved at mid-year by City Council on February 14, 2023

Background

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. On December 6, 2021, the Senior Commission approved the recommendation to pursue Dr. Pelham and CAFÉ to assist the City of Los Altos to update its Age Friendly status and create an Action Plan for the WHO.



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On February 14, 2023, the Los Altos City Council approved the mid-year budget request of \$30K to fund the Age Friendly Recertification Project.

City staff met with CAFÉ on March 23, 2023, to discuss next steps. Dr. Pelham has recommended that the City of Los Altos conduct the AARP survey first to gain statistical data. This will provide metrics to compliment and compare the information to be gathered in the focus groups. City staff has already initiated outreach to AARP to start the process.

Discussion/Analysis

The Recertification Subcommittee met with Dr. Pelham on April 18, 2023, to learn about the recertification process and evaluate next steps. The subcommittee will provide a summary of the shared information for the Commission to review and take action as appropriate.