MEETING DATE: 10/23/2025

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: October 23, 2025

TO: Community Health and Senior Services Commission

FROM: Jen Fosco, Senior Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation (LGSR) 55+ Program Requirements Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider the updates to the LGSR 55+ Program requirements and provide any input to Council.

REMARKS:

The Town has been in the process of updating the 55+ Program requirements with LSGR to reflect current services being provided to residents and to ensure fiscal viability of the program. Currently, the 55+ Program operates at a deficit for LGSR and to offset this deficit, the Town has agreed to provide LGSR \$100,000 in annual lease abatement through June 2028 or until the 55+ Program requirements are revised to be more financially stable and sustainable in the long term. The Town Council directed that Town staff work with LGSR to revise the 55+ Program requirements accordingly and to receive input from the CHSSC.

Many of the existing requirements are outdated and static, while LGSR offers programming according to the desires and demands of the community they serve. To allow for additional flexibility for LGSR to pivot to keep programming relevant and desirable for participants, the recommended updates include broader categories with required frequencies to maintain accountability. This flexibility will allow LGSR to deliver quality programs for the 55+ Program in a way that is financially sustainable over the long term.

In addition, the Town Council has expressed interest in support service providers operating out of the Adult Recreation Center (ARC). While the Town has implemented a pilot by renting back one of the rooms in the ARC to allow support service providers a rotational desk space to offer direct services to the community, it would be more efficient for LGSR to coordinate such a program, allowing them to determine how best to fully utilize space in the building. As such, the proposed update includes a requirement to provide dedicated space for community support service providers such as those providing case management, financial advising, safe driving courses, and other programs beneficial to the 55+ Program.

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Supporting LGSR's fiscal viability is crucial to ensure the continuation of educational and recreational services, including senior services, to the community. If LGSR were no longer able to sustain these services, the community would lose a valuable resource. LGSR has a long history of providing valuable enrichment for the community. It is unlikely a new provider would be able to step in and provide the same services, as cost effectively for the Town. For these reasons, staff recommends the proposed updates to the 55+ Program requirements.

The Commission may provide recommendations to the Town Council regarding the updated requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Existing 55+ Program Requirements
- 2. Proposed 55+ Program Requirement Update

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