

Feb. 4, 2024

To: Katy Nomura, Asst. Town Manager

Fr: Eleanor Yick

Re: Community Feedback – purple group (front group on the left)

Members of the group: Tom Picraux, Rob Moore, Darryl, friend of Darryl's, 2 women from Plant Based Advocates and Eleanor Yick. The top comments under each question are listed in order.

1. Near term improvements to make the space more welcoming for all ages:

1.Equipment (tech) for hybrid/virtual meetings in several designated areas/room of various sizes, particularly large room on main floor. (Includes 360 degree camera and meets all ADA regs for access, hearing, sight impaired, etc.

2.Better utilization of second floor to maximize usage, i.e. size of room, remediation and combine some rooms. One room that service providers can use.

3.Minor repairs entering building and upgrades

- Closet space for storage for non-profits
- Translation services
- Access to kitchen
- Food pantry for storage, food prep for unhoused individuals
- Suggestion box in lobby that is easily accessible
- Make entry space more inviting

2.What types of Community Partners and Services:

1. West Valley Community Services

2 .Health and Nutrition education (i.e. plant based and how it relates to health and chronic illnesses)

3.Community Discussion Groups: where seniors feel safe and can speak freely. Space must be ADA compliant. Speaker series.

- Rotation of different types of partners and non profits
- A room dedicated to non-profits
- Certain number of days allocated to community groups at no cost to host events

3. Criteria to select Community Partners:

- 1. Non-profits as a priority but not a deal breaker.**
- 2. Provide services to the residents of Los Gatos.**
- 3. Provide services that promote our health and wellness and benefit society (health, environment, humanity, social responsibility. Provides social services, such as case management & other services that funds have been allocated to.**

4. The Group also discussed how the money should be allocated and the idea of saving some funds for a dedicated new community center and agreed:

- 1. Initial improvements and reserve fund for future community center- new or remodeled (i.e. \$300K saved for planning, design, etc.**
- 2. Keep saved/extra funds in a dedicated, restricted fund (i.e. Community Center Fund.**