



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021**

The Community Health and Senior Services Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 4:05 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Blum, Commissioner Rossmann, Commissioner Norcia, Youth Commissioner Mathur, Commissioner Rahmil, and Commissioner Konrad

Absent: None

Also Present: Vice Mayor Rennie and Liaison Andrews

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

The Town Attorney provided a brief summary of Brown Act requirements and responded to questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Blum described the presentation that he gave to the Los Gatos Rotary about the Commission. Commissioner Blum specifically asked the Rotary for help with future Commission projects. The Vice Mayor will contact the Lions and Kiwanis for Commissioner Blum to provide additional presentations.

Commissioner Rossmann informed the Commission of recent legislation known as "Laura's Law". Commissioner Rossmann informed the group that Santa Clara County intended to opt out of implementing the provision and encouraged Commissioners to explore the issue.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve Community and Senior Services Commission Minutes of February 23, 2021

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Konrad to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Blum

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public may address the Community and Senior Services Commission on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. Unless additional time is authorized by the Community and Senior Services Commission, remarks shall be limited to three minutes.)*

Speaker introduced themselves as a member of the Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition and spoke to their efforts toward equity, diversity, and inclusion. The resident asked about the provision of services to non-English speaking residents and advocated for nonarmed officers responding to nonviolent mental health service calls.

Live Oak Senior Nutrition Director Milinarich spoke of Live Oaks experience during the pandemic. Director Milinarich discussed utilizing volunteers in Town to provide a fun package once a month to participating seniors. Director Milinarich discussed how many of the participants don't use technology/social media. A paper publication is best to communicate with this sector of seniors.

Speaker introduced themselves as a founder/member of the Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition and spoke to certain projects where there may be synergies between the two groups.

LGS Rec representative Nguyen spoke to the multigenerational nature of the rec center. Representative Nguyen discussed the ability of the rec center to collaborate with other service providers.

OTHER BUSINESS *(Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)*

2. Discussion of Town Council FY 2021/23 Strategic Priorities, CHSSC Goals for FY 2020/21, and Identification of Senior Service Gaps
 - a. CHSSC Goals for FY 2020/21

Commissioners shared their takeaways from the joint session with the Town Council and expressed their gratitude for the opportunity. Commissioner Rossmann identified a communication strategy as a primary component of a future action plan and identifying ways to help raise funds to expand senior resources. Commissioner Rossmann also suggested that a free membership drive for LGS Rec 55+ membership could help increase participation. Commissioner Blum expressed concerns about the potential creation of a new Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioner Blum also found the discussion regarding a new senior center of interest. Commissioner Blum stated that the Commission's ability to educate and inform the community of the Commission is probably its greatest strength. Commissioner Norcia expressed concern that the Commission covers a wide range of the community. Commissioner Konrad agreed with the idea of the 55+ program becoming a free program and that the LGS Rec facility could use improvements. Commissioner Konrad stated that the pairing of volunteers with service organizations could be improved.

Vice Mayor Rennie concluded the meeting with suggestions to create a high-level holistic overview of current service provision in Town and determine how best for them to all work together. Vice Mayor Rennie suggested examining different existing models of service provision and how they have coordinated all the disparate pieces into a single coordinated effort.

3. Staff Liaison Report
 - a. Update from CHSSC partners
 - b. Update from staff liaison

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting as approved by the Community Health and Senior Services Commission.

/s/Arn Andrews, Assistant Town Manager