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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: September 21, 2020
SUBJECT:
Age Friendly Cities – Application Approval

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve submittal of San Mateo’s Age Friendly Cities application to join the American Association of Retired Persons Network of Age Friendly States and Communities, and authorize the Mayor to sign the application.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, San Mateo was selected by the County of San Mateo as part of the second cohort of county cities to participate in the Age Friendly Cities Initiative. The Age Friendly Cities Initiative is a collaborative effort between AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to encourage cities to adopt policies and programs that support the needs of older adults. The City Council included participation in the Age Friendly Cities initiative as one of its Strategic Plan Goals for fiscal year 2020-21.

The County of San Mateo contracted with Cities for Age Friendly Excellence (CAFE), who have served as the project facilitators for this effort. Under their leadership, a community task force of approximately 10 individuals was formed, which represented a mix of older adults, service providers, city staff, and a representative of the Senior Citizens Commission. Despite the onset of COVID-19 in mid-March, task force members agreed to continue the process and to undertake their outreach efforts through virtual focus groups and 1:1 telephone interviews. Over 50 diverse individuals participated and provided feedback from their perspective on the eight domains of livability: outdoor spaces and buildings; transportation; social participation; housing; respect and social inclusion; work and civic engagement; communication and information; and community and health services. Their feedback informed the choice of the task force’s four inaugural age friendly projects:

- Safe Walking Routes for Everyone
- Improving the Coordination of Communication for Older Adult Services/Programs/Events
- Intergenerational Programs
- Age Friendly Business Recognition

While the City will take a facilitation and coordination role, other stakeholders such as the Chamber of Commerce, community non-profits, faith-based organizations, schools, etc. will be wrapped in as partners.

By developing collaborative partnerships with our community-based organizations, the long-range outcome is to ensure that San Mateo becomes a more livable “age friendly city” for all of our residents, especially those over 60.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact anticipated at this time. Existing City staff will continue to facilitate the projects moving forward

and will look to integrate these efforts with ones that may already be underway.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, this application is categorically exempt from CEQA because, in the event that the City receives funding, the funds will be used to improve existing City sidewalks.

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Age Friendly Cities Application

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