

Parks Commission Report:

Daphna Woolfe is the newly elected Vice Chair of the Parks commission. The commission had a presentation and long interaction about our trail system in San Jose, which has hit the 60 mile marker! I have asked Mr. Zsutty in PRNS to look into an expansion of the trail on Lawrence to go across 280 and through the various jurisdictions, so that we can walk and bike to the bay. This is conceptual only. If we want this to happen, it will need to be in the form of a joint committee working over several years to plan and secure funding. There was a presentation about the building of an iconic structure in the city of San Jose. 8 sites have been designated as potential “homes” for this structure. Once a site is chosen and the parameters known, the design competition will go worldwide. At present, all of the funding is private.

Senior Citizens Commission, Warren Gannon, Chair

The Commission participated in its annual retreat during the month of August. The first meeting in the fiscal year (September - June) will be on September 13, 2018

During the retreat the Commissioner agreed to concentrate on five broad areas of interest to Seniors:

TRANSPORTATION—PILOT VAN SERVICE PROGRAMS AT 3 COMMUNITY CENTERS, INCLUDING CYPRESS; COOPERATE WITH THE COUNTY IN WHAT IS A REGIONAL ISSUE;

HOUSING—ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT THE SHARED HOUSING PROGRAM BEING FUNDED BY THE COUNTY AND ADMINISTERED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES;
CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF REASONABLE GUIDELINES FOR ADU HOUSING; SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

COMMUNITY CENTERS—REVIEW AND EVALUATE PROGRAMS AT EACH CENTER; DETERMINE WHY SOME CENTERS HAVE SEEN A DECREASE IN THEIR NUTRITION PROGRAMS WHILE OTHERS HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE

AGEISM—CONCENTRATE ON THE QUESTION OF ISOLATION AND DETERMINE WHAT PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ADVOCATED FOR; COOPERATE WITH THE AGE FRIENDLY PROGRAM IN THIS RESPECT

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS—DETERMINE WHAT STEPS THE CITY IS TAKING IN THIS RESPECT AND ADVOCATE FOR COOPERATION AND GUIDANCE OF THE CITIES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DEPARTMENT