



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 25, 2007

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to the Composition and Name of the Senior Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission considers changing the composition of the advisory committee serving the Active Adults and Classes section to better serve department and community needs.

DISCUSSION:

The Active Adults Advisory Committee has been losing members and struggling for a purpose in recent years. The committee had been comprised of lead volunteers in several program areas, but volunteers have opted not to re-apply due to having their programming needs addressed by staff outside the advisory committee structure. During Fiscal Year 2007, the Committee was only able to hold one meeting due to a lack of quorum.

Currently the committee is composed of nine Community At Large members.

Staff is proposing to re-name the committee to Active Adults Advisory Committee and to re-structure advisory committee positions with representation as follows:

- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) - from either the local chapter or state office
- Community Action Commission (CAC)
- Lawn Bowls Club
- City of Santa Barbara Housing Authority
- 3 members from the Community at Large

By broadening representation to include other senior service providers our committee should be more responsive to broader community needs and inter-agency networking will improve our effectiveness and introduce more opportunities for collaboration. Also, through the name change, which better describes our wider demographics and activity level of adult participants, programming input will be more diverse and representative of community needs. In the Senior Advisory Annual Report of July 17, 2007, the committee recommended disbanding and restructuring the committee.

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