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Hi City Council members and Concerned Citizens:

It is always a good time to ask what everyone can do to improve things for Senior citizens, who have been put near the bottom of the list of areas for improvement! There seems to be a reluctance to focus on the needs and wants of Seniors by Park & Recers and the city council. I understand the need to prioritize your time and resources. I also know that you give great credibility to Staff and their desire to "serve" the best interests of seniors, which is what they 'claim' to be doing! After all is it their fault if people do not feel comfortable at the Senior Center and they have to cancel programs? These programs that are not on the schedule require extra work on the part of Staff who have many excuses at the ready to explain why they can Not do something for seniors. Is it time to focus on upgrading the skill set of the Staff to achieve more positive results for seniors? Why is there little or no guideline for dealing with requests by seniors? Is it up to one person to decide or blow off requests by seniors? Why is there no plan to build a second Senior Center south of town? Why have there been no upgrades to the bathrooms at the senior center? There seems to be time to make a PR video of the staff and volunteers handing out meals but no effort by Staff to make appointments for vaccine shots for seniors? Also, please ask Staff to study upgrading services under the current P & R management or make the Senior Center/s a separate division (like the library) with a foundation and full time management who Can Do the job, and who like seniors! Is there a bias against 20% of the population and growing ?

Thank you,

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