Senior Needs Survey: Ok to Find Funding By Cathy Tyson

At the September 24th Lafayette City Council meeting, the Mayor and City Council Member's authorized the Mayor to appoint a task force to pursue funding to commission a senior needs assessment. Ruth McCahan, Senior Services Commissioner, argued for a survey to look at the needs, interests and behaviors of seniors in the community. With the oldest Baby Boomers turning 60 last year and a significant proportion of Lafayette's population aging in place, there are specific needs of this distinct group that could be addressed by the City.

Ms. McCahan was looking for funding for a consultant to do a report on the demographics of seniors and to define the gap between what area seniors have and what they need. The City Council thought it was a good idea, especially in light of the current strategic survey.

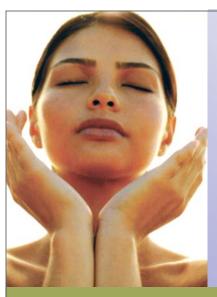
City Council members advised Ms. McCahan to keep an open mind about finding funding sources or community resources to help defray the cost











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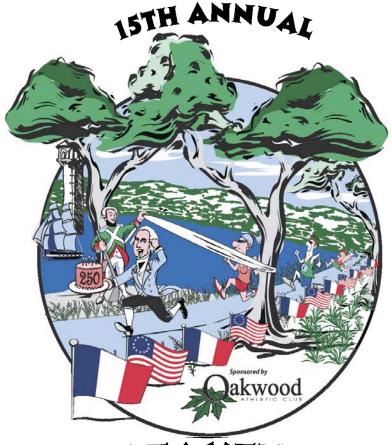
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