

From: Nariman Riahi
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:19 PM
To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Pinehurst Community garden

Hi LG council

Please allocate \$50000 for the Pinehurst Community garden project. This project is going to help our neighborhood and has support of many Los Gatos services organizations and Boy Scouts. This project improves people's lives, teaches people about value of creating and increased community engagement.

Thanks

Nariman Riahi , Los Gatos resident since 1997.
Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95032

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From: Kevin Arroyo <communitygardenlg@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:43 PM
To: Marico Sayoc; Rob Rennie; Mary Badame; Matthew Hudes; Maria Ristow
Subject: Community Garden Funding Request

Hello Town Council,

At Tuesday's Town Council Meeting, I'll be requesting a \$50,000 allocation to fund utility approvals, site readiness, and design work for the Pinehurst Community Garden.

Phase 1 (3-6 months) will include:

- \$5K Utility Approval Process (\$2K PG&E & Valley Water fees, \$3K for contingency including architectural services for utility approval if required)
- \$15K Site Water Installation (\$11K Construction Cost, \$4K contingency)

Phase 2 will begin once Phase 1 is complete:

- \$30K Architectural Services to create concept designs so the expected funding will be ready for the Town Council to approve in May 2022.

These are the first steps required to move forward a project widely supported within the community. Over 200 local residents have signed a petition supporting the idea, the Boy Scouts are interested in using the garden for Eagle Scout projects, and the Lions Club has expressed interest in helping to run and maintain the garden. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you,
Kevin Arroyo & Heidi Owen

From: Heidi Owens

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:33 AM

To: Marico Sayoc <MSayoc@losgatosca.gov>; Rob Rennie <RRennie@losgatosca.gov>; Matthew Hudes <MHudes@losgatosca.gov>; Mary Badame <MBadame@losgatosca.gov>; Maria Ristow <MRistow@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Item 12: CIP budget, Community Garden Funding Request

Hello Honorable Council Members,

Please consider \$50,000 allocation from the CIP budget for the community garden project.

We have been working with local tribes on honoring native people to this area, so the equity score should have been higher in the rankings.

Also, vacant lots attract vagrants and we heard from Mei Ling, Program Manager for 46 community gardens in the the City/County of San Francisco that a major benefit is security. Therefore, the security score on the ranking should have been higher.

Finally, we have engagement with several service clubs for potential and actual fundraising, partnership with Les on usage of his 501c3 for grant making, and initial engine that with the Boy Scout Eagles to do fundraising and building. This project has ample community support and a groundswell of participation.

We really only need the approval of the Town to move the project forward. A contribution of \$50,000 will indicate Town approval and help cover the costs of utility approvals. We need official approval from you to move anything forward.

All my best to you,
Heidi Owens
Community Leader

From: Tina Murray

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 10:08 AM

To: Council <Council@losgatosca.gov>

Subject: Support Pinehurst Community Garden

Hello. I am writing today to express my **support for the addition of the Pinehurst Community Garden (aka Union Community Garden)** to the Capital Improvements Budget.

Community Gardens improve property values, increase physical security, build community, provide food security, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and beautify neighborhoods.

The organizers have support from the Boy Scouts who have expressed interest utilizing the garden for Eagle Scout fundraising and leadership development projects.

All of the Los Gatos service organizations have been briefed on the garden and the support has been resounding. The Lions Club has expressed interest in helping support and maintain garden operations.

- They don't need the full \$500,000 to get started. They can begin the utility approval process with Council approval and a smaller \$50,000 allocation.
- The garden has massive community support and is one of the few projects on the list located in the East side of Town, which also should have boosted its equity ranking on the score sheet.
- The CIP (Capital Improvements Project) ranking methodology didn't take into account the increased security provided by community gardens as demonstrated in multiple evidence-based surveys.

Please allocate \$50,000 to begin the first steps for the Pinehurst Community Garden.

Many Thanks,
Tina Murray
Los Gatos Resident

Shannon Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032

From: Susan Carter Anderson
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Matt Morley
Subject: Blossom Hill crosswalk

Hi Matt,

I am a parent in the Blossom Hill community, live on Blossom Hill, and was on the Home and School Club board for two years. I attended many of the meetings that you held and I am so thankful for the support you put towards making our kids crosswalk safer. Now that school is back in session full-time I am thinking we have more of a visible issue with safety at the Blossom Hill elementary crosswalk. I want to build momentum so we can get this project on the road to reality.

I was wondering if you could tell me who specifically I might contact at City Hall to get an update on the grant funding for the improvements? I left a message for the city treasurer, but never got a response. I also don't have a lot of time to try to attend committee meetings, I'm just hoping that we can find the right person who can task someone with applying for grants.

Thank you for any guidance.

Best,

Susan Carter Anderson

From: Phil Koen

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 10:14 AM

Subject: Agenda Item 12 and general plan 2040 comment

Hello Laurel,

I was reviewing agenda item #12 and had a few questions regarding the Staff memo. I was hoping you could provide some additional insight regarding the following:

1. The Staff memo indicates that there is \$41.2m in unfunded infrastructure projects, excluding the ADA project. In the Measure G ordinance, the Town reported as of 2018 there was \$70m in unmet infrastructure needs. How should the residents be thinking of the \$41.2m vs. the \$70m? Are they the same projects, or have the projects changed? Has the unfunded infrastructure need decreased over the past 3 years? Can you provide any additional information regarding the specific unfunded projects so there is total visibility to the infrastructure challenge as of today?
2. The list of FY 2021/2022 CIP unfunded projects includes \$1.8m for Highway 17 BPOC, with a notation that the amount is the local match fund. Is this the local match required under existing grants for the design and engineering consulting phase of the bridge or an estimated local match for the total cost of construction and design of the bridge? What is the current estimate for the total cost of the BPOC (construction and design) and what is the best estimate regarding the required local match in dollars and percentage?
3. The list also contains an estimate of \$10m for downtown streetscape. Is this a new project or is this an update of the existing project which was repurposed for Covid 19 relief? Has the Council voted to proceed with the \$10m funding? Is there a detail project design which explains the \$10m?

I have one last concern/comment that perhaps you could provide additional insight. Over the years you have repeatedly and correctly stated that the Town does not have a reliable and consistent funding source for infrastructure projects and there is a massive amount of deferred capital investment which must be made. I am guessing that as of today the deferred capital investment is still around \$70m, in today's dollars. Has the Staff made an estimate of the capital investment required over the next 20 years to 1) comply with new state or federal mandates and 2) support the 30% growth in population as outlined in the draft General Plan 2040 regarding and 3) properly maintain/improve our existing road network (including bridges), bike paths, trails, utility and sewer infrastructure and public facilities such as police and fire facilities?

I am asking this since I have never seen a capital infrastructure investment plan which details the magnitude of capital investment required to meet the Town's needs over the next 20 years. Does such an investment plan exist? How can the Town reasonably assume there will be funding for these critical infrastructure projects given your long-standing warnings? If there is no reasonable assurance that funding would be available for the required infrastructure investment, how does that play into the draft general plan?

I am concerned that there is an obvious disconnect between the infrastructure needs embedded in the draft general plan (new public facilities, widening of streets, more bike lanes, increased/improved utility infrastructure) and the reasonable ability of the Town to fund capital projects on a timely basis. Since one of the general plan objectives is to provide high quality municipal services while sustaining the Town's long term fiscal health, how are residents reasonably to know that this can realistically be

achieved over the next 20 years given the current lack of infrastructure funding and your repeated warnings regarding the systemic lack of future funding?

Thank you.

Phil Koen