

### **Senior Citizens Commission**

The Senior Citizens Commission shall consist of nine members who shall be residents of the City, serve without compensation, and be appointed upon the basis of three affirmative votes of members of the City Council based on nominations from members of the City Council. At least five (5) of the Commissioners shall be over 55 years of age.

By Council policy a Commissioner may not serve concurrently on more than one Commission or Board. City Councilmembers may not serve as members of the Commission.

### **Powers and Duties:**

The powers and duties of the Commission are as follows:

1. To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to older Americans and their needs, including, but not limited to health and nutrition, transportation, housing, employment and recreational programs.
2. To be empowered to assemble information on the problems and their solutions pertaining for older Americans through all means available, including investigation of the availability of grants for senior citizen needs.
3. To be empowered on its own initiative to make recommendations to the City Council on matters within its purview.
4. To act to facilitate coordination between existing and proposed programs for senior citizens provided by various levels of government.

### **Desirable Qualifications:**

Suggested qualifications for Senior Citizens Commissioners include, but are not limited to, the following knowledge and abilities:

1. Some knowledge, experience and empathy of the concerns and problems of the older individual;
2. The ability to enthusiastically research and report on issues, programs, and policies relating to senior citizens;
3. The ability to enthusiastically assist in implementing projects as decided upon by the Senior Citizen Commission and/or City Council;
4. Ability to develop and maintain harmonious working relationships with Commission members, the City Council, residents and the public. The time and level of commitment to be present and enthusiastically support all Senior Citizens Commission activities;
5. The time to enthusiastically attend Commission meeting. Absence from three (3) consecutive meetings in one year may terminate a Commissioner from membership on the Commission.

**Meets on the first Thursday evening of every other month at 6:00 P.M. (unless otherwise announced and publicly noticed) in the Senior Citizen Community Center at 201 East Bonita Avenue. \*Every odd month.**