

Staff Report

January 19, 2005

TO: Katherine Hess, Community Planning Administrator

FROM: Christine Helweg, Community Services Supervisor

SUBJECT: Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2005

The Davis Senior Citizens Commission has requested that the following motion be included in the City Council report related to the review of the proposed Covell Village project application. The motion, approved on Thursday, January 13, 2005, includes:

The following opinions represent a consensus by the Davis Senior Citizens Commission, as it relates to the review of the proposed Covell Village Project application. It is the desire of the Senior Citizens Commission that the City Council consider the areas of concern listed below prior to a final vote on the project.

1. The Davis Senior Citizens Commission offers no comment as to whether the proposed Covell Village Project should be undertaken or not, but restricts its point of view solely to that portion of the project having to do with older adult housing.
2. *Affordability* - the Davis Senior Citizens Commission would like to express its concern that the age requirements and planned number of units for the older adult housing of the proposed project reflect the needs within the Davis community.
3. *Fiscal Impact* - the Davis Senior Citizens Commission would like to state that the fiscal impact of this project is of great concern as it relates to the older adult population within Davis. Supplementary taxes to support ongoing operational costs may be a hardship on older adults with fixed incomes.
4. *Transportation* - the Davis Senior Citizens Commission would like to have the creation of a transportation hub within the Covell Village Project, to be located in favorable proximity to the older adult housing. This “hub” would provide a centralized point of access to multiple forms of public transportation.

5. *Amenities* - the Davis Senior Citizens Commission would like to ensure that any construction, in relation to older adult housing within the Covell Village Project, include the following:
 - a.) provide adequate heating and air conditioning capabilities, so that the special needs of seniors will not be sacrificed to the desire for energy efficiency.
 - b.) incorporate Universal Design features to make all older adult housing "user friendly" and accessible to the handicapped.

If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please feel free to contact me at ext. 7342.