DATE: May 22, 2012

AGENDA ITEM # 10.a

AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Marcia Somers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Civic Center ad hoc committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of Mayor Carpenter and Mayor Pro Tem Fishpaw and up to seven Los Altos residents to consider alternatives for the 18-acre Los Altos Civic Center site

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SUMMARY:

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

Amount: Not applicable

Budgeted: Not applicable

Public Hearing Notice: Not applicable

Previous Council Consideration: Not applicable

CEQA Status: Not applicable

Attachments:

1. Report from Mayor Carpenter and Mayor Pro Tem Fishpaw

ATTACHMENT

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BACKGROUND

The Community Center Master Plan was developed in a two-year public process guided by a Council subcommittee consisting of Lou Becker and David Casas, as well as staff, Anderson Brule Architects, and a 28-member advisory committee. Following Council approval of the Master Plan and its associated Environmental Impact Report, an outreach task force which included Mayor Carpenter and Mayor Pro Tem Fishpaw educated the community on the need to replace these aging City facilities, delivering 30 presentations to 600 participants earlier this year. Following this outreach program, a poll conducted by Godbe Research in April 2012 among likely voters showed insufficient support for a possible bond measure to fund part of Phase 1 of the Community Center Master Plan. Upon receiving these results, Council directed staff to prepare a list of alternatives. Staff reviewed their draft list of alternatives with the outreach task force earlier this month.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of Mayor Carpenter and Mayor Pro Tem Fishpaw and up to seven Los Altos residents to consider alternatives for the 18-acre Los Altos Civic Center site. Committee members will be selected by Mayor Carpenter and Mayor Pro Tem Fishpaw and recommended to Council for ratification, in accordance with the Council Norms & Procedures. Residents who were actively involved in the recent outreach effort will be considered before others.

The deliverable of this ad hoc committee is to return to Council with recommendations on alternatives to the Community Center Master Plan that address the need to renovate and/or replace the aging existing facilities, consider the addition and priority of new facilities, and reflect the community's preferences as expressed in the recent poll.

ALTERNATIVE

Council could decide not to appoint this committee