

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Senior Day-Care – Building 440A 935 Spring Street Placerville

Reason for the Report

The Grand Jury selected the Senior Day-Care (Building 440A) as one of its general reviews for 2002/2003.

Scope of the Investigation

The members of the Grand Jury:

- Made an unannounced visit to the Senior Day-Care on November 7, 2002;
- Toured the facilities and grounds with the Assistant Director of the Senior Day-Care Center;
- Were briefed on the Senior Day-Care operations, including transportation, food and programs;
- Inspected the building and grounds;
- Reviewed previous Grand Jury reports for year's 1999/2000, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 and found no findings or recommendations pertaining to this building.

Background

The Senior Day-Care Center provides, at a nominal cost, a much-needed day care facility for seniors. Similar to Child Day-Care, this is a place where the seniors who cannot be left without supervision may be placed in supervised care during the day. The seniors participate in activities that provide mental and physical stimulation. Meals served are provided by the Senior Nutrition Center.

The premises are clean, well maintained, and inviting. The premises, which are fully utilized, have an exercise room, social room, and a quiet room furnished with recliners and afghans.

The parking lot for the Senior Day-Care Center is shared with the Psychiatric Health Facility, Community Services/Senior Nutrition Center, and the Public Health Department. The poor condition of the parking lot poses a safety hazard for seniors and disabled individuals. Parking is limited, directional markings go against traffic flow and overall surface is in poor condition.

Findings

F1. The building exterior paint is peeling.

Response to F1: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F2. The parking lot surface is severely checked and cracked, and poses a potential danger to users and potential liability to the county.

Response to F2: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F3. The parking lot directional markings contradict the parking lot traffic flow and are severely faded.

Response to F3: The respondent agrees with the finding.

F4. The parking lot size is inadequate and limits the full use of the facility.

Response to F4: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Recommendations

R1. The building exterior should be painted.

Response to R1: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. General Services will complete painting the building exterior by April 30, 2004.

R2. The parking lot should be repaired and resurfaced.

Response to R2: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. A detailed topographic survey has been conducted of the parking lot together with the existing drainage structures. Improvement plans together with technical specifications are nearly complete with bid solicitation to follow. Repair and resurfacing of the parking lot is scheduled for completion September 30, 2003.

R3. Directional arrows should show proper traffic flow.

Response to R3: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The parking lot together with drive will receive new striping (paint) as a component of the parking lot repair and resurfacing project as described in R2 above. This is scheduled for completion September 30, 2003.

Commendations

The Grand Jury commends the Senior Day-Care Staff for apparent outstanding job performance. The staff appears to be competent, courteous and caring to the seniors.

Responses Required for Findings

F1 through F4

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
El Dorado County Department of General Services
El Dorado County Department of Community Services

Responses Required for Recommendations

R1 through R3

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