

Lunch with the Mayor at the Centennial Recreation Senior Center February 20, 2019 and March 20, 2019 11:30AM Notes and Follow-Up

On the 3rd Wednesday of the each, Morgan Hill's Mayor, Rich Constantine, has lunch at the Centennial Recreation Senior Center. The lunch provides an opportunity for senior members of the community to have a discussion and share concerns and ideas with the Mayor in the comfort and familiar environment of the Senior Center.

The following is a summary of items and questions discussed at the two most recent lunches and further follow-up information from City Teammates as appropriate.

Mayor Constantine was warmly welcomed by the Seniors. Many expressed their congratulations on his being elected as Morgan Hill's new mayor and shared their sincere appreciation that he would be coming to visit on a regular basis.

Several questions came up about roads and pot hole repairs

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director, indicated that the City fills potholes as often as they can. During the winter months more potholes surface. Even with the new funding that we are receiving, the City does not have enough funding to maintain our streets and they will get worse overtime without a new local funding source.

Several comments were shared about how beautiful Morgan Hill is.

It was shared that striping on East Dunne going up the hill is washed out, making it very dangerous at night, especially when wet.

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director, indicated that striping that section of East Dunne was added to the plan for the coming months. It is difficult to do striping during the rainy season.

One senior shared that she would like to see more stores and restaurants like Red Lobster and Olive Garden.

One senior would like to see a sidewalk on Tennant just east and west of the railroad tracks.

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director, shared that these are undeveloped parcels. The sidewalks will go in when private development happens on the parcels.

A concern was shared about the north bound lanes on Monterey Road, north of Cochrane before Barrett.

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director, shared that work on that area of Monterey Road is scheduled for later this year. Even with the new funding that we are receiving.

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One man shared that he would like to see a volunteer driver program that does not require the volunteer to take all the liability.

The liability requirements are standard requirements for the City of Morgan Hill (and many other cities). It is the best that can be done.

A question about whether the possibility of a Catholic High School in Morgan Hill was still on the table.

Mayor Constantine shared that unfortunately the City does not control that decision. At this time, it is uncertain.

A woman shared concern that single men are not allowed at the Safe Parking Program and that there is no place for them to go.

Single men can be referred to Lifemoves Montgomery Street Inn. A self- referral form can be found online at the following link http://www.morganhill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22901

Montgomery Street Inn (MSI)
Program Referral Phone 408-271-5160
Referral is to be completed by the prospective resident.