



Opinion

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Recall appropriate

What was the Senior Program like before it was dismantled by the Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission? To get a sense of this, go to: <https://youtu.be/6LW5p2WuScQ>.

In this video, former Senior Program director Christine Dodson is interviewed and praised by Ashland Mayor Stromberg and Councilor Stefani Seffinger. Of the Senior Center, Seffinger says, "I wish more of our City Council and commissioners and different people would come because I think that they would be totally amazed and thrilled about all of the things going on there."

We had a vibrant and functioning Senior Program before the APRC voted to gut it, with no reasonable rationale and over strenuous public opposition. Since the Senior Program provided not only recreation but vital social services, the APRC's decision was a blatant disregard of public welfare.

It would be nice to imagine that the commission and director Michael Black, with the help of the ad hoc committee, could create a better Senior Program than we had before. However, this seems wishful thinking. They burned the house down and now they're asking for help to rebuild it. They're not to be trusted or taken seriously. If we want to see the Senior Program restored, a recall of Commissioners Gardiner, Lewis and Landt is an appropriate way to go about it.

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