



Proposed Centennial group would advise on senior issues

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CENTENNIAL -- **Centennial** Mayor Cathy Noon told residents of [Holly Creek Retirement Community](#) last week how they might be part of an advisory body on senior issues in 2011.

Noon favors the creation of an appointed Senior Commission similar to the **Centennial Youth Commission** that advises the Centennial City Council on teen issues and organizes community projects, but with a different slant.

While the Youth Commission is a resource and a vehicle that teaches leadership, Noon said the Senior Commission would be more of a resource for city council in assessing and addressing the needs of seniors.

Those needs could likely be addressed by existing resources rather than new city services, she said.

"We're looking at this more not as creating a program, as making sure the programs that are out there are serving our seniors," Noon said.

A city council task force has already recommended the formation of a Senior Commission in Centennial, with a budget of about \$5,000 for the first year.

Noon said the commission also would advocate on behalf of seniors in the community on issues such as transportation or the need for a senior center, for instance.

Noon also updated the audience of about 40 people on budget challenges facing Centennial, as well as the impacts of government services if tax-cutting amendments 60, 61 and proposition 101 should pass.

Noon said the city's budget process is underway, and there is cautious optimism given sales tax revenues have increased each month this year, but property tax reassessments looming in a year or so could have a negative impact.