For 3/10/26 meeting, "Agenda Item #3a. Commons Interview Questions"
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At the February 10th Committee meeting, we added "timeliness" to our conceptualization of "The Commons." As representative of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, I am committed to bringing Commons Concepts to solving immediate space and collaboration needs. That is different from furthering the development of Commons Concepts that will one day be applied to a City project. I believe we should be emphasizing who can come together now, and how the City can support and benefit from an immediate execution of a Commons approach.

With that addition in mind, I've reviewed the Draft Survey Packet and pulled together a single page summary, seeking the answers we need to move ahead now. This compact survey is intended only for our identified community leaders, who already are familiar with the local scene. Broader public surveys will require a different approach and will be needed to inform final execution steps.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

We are asking leading members of our community for their thoughts about creating a <u>West County Commons</u> that would be in the City of Sebastopol. The Commons will be a place that brings together the library, civic functions and key community non-profits to share resources and facilitate collaboration.

1)   WHO & WHAT?

Who should be invited to join the Commons?
        Who needs a new home?
        Who is willing to join others?
        What are their space needs and special feature requirements?
What commercial entities might be a good fit?
Who would be influential in bringing these people and entities together?
Who in the greater Sonoma County needs to be involved?

2)   WHERE?

If you could put the Commons anywhere in Sebastopol, where would it go?
What do you see as the biggest advantage and obstacle to your first choice location?

3)   INTENDED AND UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES...

What do you find most exciting about the possibility of a Commons?
What is your biggest concern about creating a Commons?