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City Council hails senior housing agreement

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BARSTOW - An exclusive negotiating agreement between the city and Eagle Barstow 55 LLC to study the feasibility of developing affordable senior housing was hailed by two members of the City Council during a Dec. 19 meeting.

The agreement provides a designated period of time for both parties to exclusively explore the viability of the project, according to the staff report. It allows the developer to secure conditional commitments from future tenants and financial institutions, perform due diligence reviews for the project site and assemble a development team.

The proposed site for the housing is surrounded by South Seventh Street, Mountain View Street and Melissa Avenue.

"I have been pushing for this for so long," Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Hernandez said. "It's a long time in coming and has been promised in this community for over 20 years. I'm looking forward to seeing your project ideas."

Mayor Julie Hackbarth-McIntyre said a year ago the City Council met with officials of San Bernardino County to discuss the possibility of senior citizens housing in Barstow.

"I'm pleased this is finally moving forward," the mayor said.

The agreement will expire on April 28, according to the staff report.

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