

Board and Commission Study Issue Form



Sunnyvale

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

Date Submitted to Staff Liaison:

Board/ Commission: Parks and Recreation Commission

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Study Issue Working Title:

Online Database of All City Owned Property

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

When the proposed study issue of changing the PGE land at Ramona Ave at Greenwood Manor Park into a dog run showed the city owned several parcels on the block the question as well as at Dona and Lois Avenue (see attached,) the question of what else does the city own was asked.

A list of properties was found (see attached,) but this list is not accessible to the public. In addition there is no collection of current uses, potential uses, or metric showing public accessibility to these city owned properties, and again that criteria is not outwardly facing for the public to view.

This study issue would collect and make available to the public all the properties in the city which the city owns, as an outwardly facing database accessible from the city's website. Hopefully this could be a map that would allow the user to see the parcel, the current uses on the parcel, and any public/private access that is related to the parcel.

The database could also be used to gauge potential alternate uses for these parcels, gauging which parcels could become more accessible to the public. An example of this would be to gauge size and location of a parcel to determine if a parcel of unused city land could be re-purposed into a potential park.

2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

This study would analyze the City's open space inventory and consider ways to make the inventory an easy to use, publicly accessible database. The Study would also consider ways to link each parcel to a set of potential use metrics. Metrics such as, public accessibility to the site, current uses of the site, size, location and any other notes of interest (i.e. historical significance).