



Sunnyvale

Board and Commission Study Issue Form

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:

8/4/23

Board/ Commission: Parks and Recreation Commission

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Study Issue Working Title:

Late Night Lights at Public Parks

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

This fall as night comes early and we push back clocks and hour, the public is unable to enjoy our parks for the regular hours they normally would during the summer.

This study issue would asses the impact of keeping lights on public fields for use on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

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

This study would consider the impacts of keeping the sports field lighting turned on during the winter months, without permit, on Thursdays, Friday and Saturday evenings on the City's athletic fields that have existing field lighting. The study would require a robust public outreach component to gauge the potential impacts on residents (i.e. quality of life, real estate values, etc.) in the area of the potentially lit fields. The Study would also consider the fiscal impact of keeping the lights on during times when the lights are typically not on. The Study would also look at the potential benefits to residents of having the fields lit the additional time.