



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

16-0566

Agenda Date: 2/3/2017

2017 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE**NUMBER**

DPW 17-05

TITLE Expansion of the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum Site**BACKGROUND****Lead Department:** Department of Public Works
Support Department(s): N/A**Sponsor(s):**

City Manager, Deanna J. Santana

History:

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY**What are the key elements of the study?**

The Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association (SHSMA) expressed interest in exploring the possibility of expanding the museum grounds at Orchard Heritage Park further east to Michelangelo Drive. The purpose of the expansion would be to accommodate additional items such as exhibits, historical structures, a windmill and ultimately making one cohesive location including the orchard. The expansion will require the removal of trees in the orchard. If approved, this Study Issue would review concepts to expand the current facility, including the identification of boundary limits, as well as establish a plan for the future of the orchard, including maintenance. Staff would hire a consultant to develop concepts for site plans, identify utility needs, review CEQA, assess potential costs, hold public outreach meetings and identify future options for operating and maintaining the orchard.

What precipitated this study?

In 2015, Council approved Study Issue DPW 15-10 which analyzed the potential of relocating the Butcher House to Orchard Heritage Park. On April 5, 2016, staff presented Council with three alternatives which included locating the Butcher House within the orchard, locating the Butcher House to the lawn area across from the museum, or not relocating the Butcher House (RTC 16-0182). Council discussed the alternatives and members of the public spoke regarding the various options. Representatives of the museum also spoke and clarified that they would only proceed with moving the Butcher House if it was relocated to their preferred location in the orchard. A motion for Alternative 1, to relocate the Butcher House within the orchard (the location preferred by the Historical Society), failed on a 3-3 vote.

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Since SHSMA indicated they would not support moving the Butcher House to the lawn area across from the museum, Council requested staff to meet with them and see if any other options were available to relocate the Butcher House to Orchard Heritage Park without removing any apricot trees. Staff held a meeting with the SHSMA on May 3, 2016, and they still indicated they did not support moving the Butcher House anywhere else except for in the orchard because it does not align with their vision of expanding the museum grounds to Michelangelo Drive. In addition, Council has also expressed concern and interest regarding the long-term viability of the Orchard, and the development of a plan for future operations and maintenance.

Planned Completion Year: FY 2018/2019

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$200,000

Funding Source: Will seek budget supplement

Explanation of Cost:

The cost identified above is for consultant services that are necessary to complete the work effort. The Department of Public Works (DPW) would be responsible for managing the project which includes developing a scope of work, hiring a consultant, managing the consultant, reviewing all work products, performing all necessary public outreach as well as presentations to commissions and City Council. Staff anticipates that this Study Issue will require significant public outreach.

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Position: Support

Explanation: The possible opportunities at the museum and orchard have required significant discussion over the last few years. The development of an overall vision would provide the required guidance for future decisions.

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