Open City Hall Summary for the Draft Vision Statement

Tell us what you think about the draft Vision Statement for the Civic Center Modernization Project

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Introduction

Topic

Please help us finalize a Vision Statement for the Civic Center Project

Background

Sunnyvale has started an exciting process to re-imagine the Civic Center located at the corner of El Camino Real and Mathilda. The existing Civic Center includes Sunnyvale's Library, City Hall, and Public Safety Department Headquarters. After holding a community workshop and considering input from a variety of stakeholders, on May 18, 2015, City Council approved the following draft Vision Statement:

Draft Vision Statement

The Sunnyvale Civic Center will:

Serve the Community by:

Providing efficient, functional, and flexible facilities to support innovative service delivery and sharing resources to support the community's needs.

Welcome the Community by:

Reflecting the identity of Sunnyvale and creating an environment that inspires community pride, promotes civic engagement, and offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor services, to accommodate our diverse community.

Lead the Community by:

Supporting participatory governance and being a model of fiscal and environmental sustainability.

Workshop attendees

A community workshop was help in April to get input on the Vision and Success Criteria. To review a workshop summary please check our website.

The Vision Statement for the project is intended to help guide the development of project alternatives as the outreach process continues to unfold. It serves as a statement of the City's intentions as the Civic Center Project is developed further.

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As of September 15, 2015, 4:35 PM, this forum had:Attendees:200On Forum Responses:28Hours of Public Comment:2.1

This topic started on June 29, 2015, 12:05 PM.

Responses

Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree with the following: The draft Vision Statement reflects my priorities for the Civic Center Modernization Project.

	%	Count
Strongly Agree	17.9%	5
Somewhat Agree	35.7%	10
Neutral	32.1%	9
Somewhat Disagree	14.3%	4

Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement:

5



Please list other ideas or suggestions you would like to see reflected in the Vision Statement for the Civic Center Modernization Project....

Answered	23

Skipped

- all also any buildings center civic community

current do green how keep land library like money more much need

NEW one Open other parking public see sell so some Space statement sunnyvale t take use very vision well what

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

September 9, 2015, 12:55 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Strongly Support

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No Response

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 26, 2015, 1:38 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Somewhat Oppose

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Given that the project is a big step, it makes sense for Sunnyvale to use this opportunity to be inspiring and show vision. There are so many architectural advancements and designs that are very efficient, eco-friendly and would greatly reduce energy usage by this centre, simultaneously making the layout more functional and aesthetic. What better example to other cities and the people of the city to set. There are ways to integrate native plants, green rooftops, demonstrate how beautiful a place can look when it recycles it's own water, uses skylights well instead of electric lights, and faces windows inward facing a green plant environment to prevent external heating, reducing the need for the use of airconditioning. I see this as a great opportunity to take from the most advanced architects in constructing a true marvel that is inspiring to work in, use and walk by. Making the area around it greener with bike parking and aesthetic landscapes to walk in and relax would also set the tone for biking, walking or using transit to approach the centre, and reduce car traffic. Parking takes up far too much space and there is nothing appealing about a parking lot.

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 26, 2015, 6:36 AM

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I am disappointed that the words "environmental sustainability" only show up at the very end of the vision statement. Sustainability/restoration must be emphasized. I believe that at this point in history, with the ecosystem on which we all depend under serious threat, a primary function of this new civic center must be to provide environmental leadership. This project MUST be a model and inspiration for the community and region of cutting-edge restorative environmental design. Zero net energy at least, net positive is preferable. It must restore habitat, maximizing natives. Green roofs would be good. The new civic center must be highly waterefficient, maximizing catchment, reuse and infiltration. It should site buildings to maximize passive solar for heating. District heating and cooling and even solid waste processing should be seriously considered. A community garden should be a key part. All the green features should be called out with signage as in the Mitchell Park Library Complex in Palo Alto. Natives should be labeled so that community members can get ideas for their home gardens.

The complex should also encourage visitors and employees to get to the civic center in a sustainable way. Employees need an effective traffic demand management plan to reduce the number of parking slots needed. It would be far cheaper to reduce the number of car trips employees make to the civic center than to pay for the needed underground or structured parking. And of course we should plan for ample and convenient bike parking, some of it secure. Employees biking to work should have access to showers.

It is also important that buildings housing basic services be built to continue to safely function after emergencies such as earthquakes and perhaps flooding. Perhaps we should also plan that some of the buildings serve as cooling centers in cases of extreme heat.

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 22, 2015, 7:51 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Somewhat Support

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No Response

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 18, 2015, 11:41 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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Buildings shouldhave designated uses and stick with them. The library is for promoting literacy, education and civic understanding. That is for borrowing books. Having many copies of major film DVDs, which can be rented many other ways (not do books), wastes space, money, and other resources.

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 7, 2015, 7:49 AM

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No Response

Margaret Lawson inside Sunnyvale

August 5, 2015, 9:38 PM

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Sunnyvale need a state of the art, sustainable, exciting, innovative, LEED platinum or above Civic Center for a modern Silicon Valley city. Disruptive innovation for the Civic Center.

Joel Sisk inside Sunnyvale

July 29, 2015, 1:48 PM

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I approve/support the vision statement. Overall, it works well. The specifics in the plan and course of action for the City are the important part, however.

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July 24, 2015, 5:21 PM

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Need to include Charles Street Garden. Sunnyvale does not need a new library. It is a waste of money.

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 24, 2015, 9:58 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement:

Somewhat Oppose

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TERRIBLE SURVEY FORMAT - The feed back I'm getting from others who have attempted to take the survey is its not easy to take because the Vision Statement are not on the same page as the questions . . VERY DIFFICULT to take and there VERY FEW PEOPLE WILL TAKE THE TIME TO FINISH and therefore waste of tax payer money.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 21, 2015, 5:40 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement:

Somewhat Support

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The vision statement is nice, but it leaves me with an uneasy feeling about what will really happen. Here are some of my thoughts with regards to the new envisioned civic center:

Keep the civic center and library at their current location. I like that all these buildings are close to each other.
I also like the open feel of the community center and would not like to see it become more crowded with other buildings.

- Please justify with hard numbers why you would want to completely build new buildings. Give me numbers as to costs of current buildings (maintenance, utilities, etc) and costs of new buildings (cost to build, and then utilities, etc). I, as a homeowner, have an older house and my plan is to remodel as necessary, and maintain the building. I do not see any reason to tear my house down after 50 years or so and build a new one. I believe the same should be true for my city government. Let's use our money wisely.

- Whatever you do, do NOT sell our city land for a private use. Land is very valuable, as is any open space that the city has. Keep all public land for public use.

- Tree preservation is important. Please keep the trees that are there.

- I hope that the Charles Street Community Garden remains; it is a treasure to the city and its residents, and a wonderful place to encourage connection to the land and residents who love gardening, as well as the food we eat.

Thanks for listening.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 20, 2015, 8:50 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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It is hard for me to project from the Mission Statement, to what is actually envisioned. I like the campus style of the existing civic center, with low buildings, lots of trees, and the community garden. I would like to preserve that kind of ambiance, since I think that Sunnyvale is building up in too many areas. What ever happened to views of the sky, and mountains?

Don Krafft inside Sunnyvale

July 15, 2015, 12:46 PM

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I suggest that the vision statement reflect a city objective of sustainable living and support for local production of food and commodities wherever possible

Martin Landzaat inside Sunnyvale

July 13, 2015, 10:30 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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No Response

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 9, 2015, 12:10 PM

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The draft fails to adequately address the community's most contentious topics: new build vs renovations, financing without selling any of the existing footprint, building height of any new structures, tree preservation. I'm also concerned that the outreach efforts thus far have not produced anything close to a significant impact on public awareness of the project or of the outreach opportunities.

Terry Fowler inside Sunnyvale

July 7, 2015, 12:50 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Strongly Support

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No Response

Deborah Marks inside Sunnyvale

July 6, 2015, 11:54 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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I'm thinking of a Vision Statement such as: "The heart of Sunnyvale where residents and services, the past and the present, meet in a beautiful, tree-shaded green environment." A Vision Statement should be an idealized description of a desired outcome and it should inspire and energize. As I understand it, it should be more of a statement....not a list of things.

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Paul King inside Sunnyvale

July 5, 2015, 8:41 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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I don't see much reason for separate comments on the Draft Needs Assessment, the Draft Vision Statement and the Draft Success Criteria. At this point they are all nearly meaningless until some meat is put on the bones.

I do have a comment on the process of the April 25 2015 community workshop. The participants were guided to re-imagine the library in a brainstorming format and there were a lot of ideas expressed. The facilitators targeted the session at about a fourth grade level. With no consideration of costs, with numerous diametrically opposed views expressed, and with essentially no adult supervision, everyone could still be promised his or her pony. So now we read in the Sunnyvale Sun that the input has been boiled down and the "residents have indicated that they want to see more space added for activities and events as well as more extensive children's section." Given the way the meeting was cast isn't more of something the obviously manipulated outcome? I for one don't think the library is broken and don't want to see significant changes.

(There are 7 PDFs on the city web site detailing the public input from the community workshop. You certainly will not see a community speaking with one voice.)

The rub will come at the next public meeting where proposals to sell part of the city property to pay for all that the residents "demand". So do be careful what you ask for. See you there.

One last note; I recall hearing only one person out of many dozen express any interest in moving the library to the Sunnyvale community center. The Sunnyvale Sun reported staff saying "there isn't a consensus yet." I will start a count of how many times that monster will raise its head.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 5, 2015, 3:06 PM

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Do not sell the land or remove the open green space that currently exists. Remodel current buildings so they continue to be low rise but better space utilization. Keep the trees and an open environment, and keep city services there. Don't overspend or use my taxpayer dollars because of developers and lobbyists.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 1, 2015, 9:17 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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Remodel the current facilities and keep all City property for public use. No need to sell or lease land for non-city use.City-owned property with ample open space is the greatest inspiration of all.

Vivian Euzent inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 4:59 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Strongly Support

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Too bad you couldn't put that statement in a popup box so we could refer back to it. I like that it says a participatory government.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 3:08 PM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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Current location is great and keeping all city services in once place is wonderful (city hall, library, DPS, etc.). I am completely opposed to ANY sale or lease or trade of any piece of that PUBLIC land with developers in exchange for anything! With all the new office buildings sprouting up everywhere in Sunnyvale, there is no way we are in enough financial difficulties to have to give away land to developers or sell them! We need to preserve all the beautiful trees and open space in the area. Buildings currently there are, I believe, no higher than 2 stories. I am willing to go for 3 story-buildings but no higher. There should still be plenty of open space (like in front of the library ... for people to gather and enjoy being outdoors) and parking (maybe underground parking so the ground level can offer lots of pedestrian-friendly spaces for people to walk around and hang out-like Plaza del Sol on W. Evelyn & N. Frances in downtown SV).

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 11:39 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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The new area needs to preserve green open space and trees. I would prefer the buildings to be low rise rather than high rise.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 10:58 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement: Neutral

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I would like to see some data showing how fiscally un-sustainable our current civic center is. How much is heating, cooling, water, maintenance/repairs cost Sunnyvale per year over the last 10 years? Then show us an estimate for those costs after a new civic center is built. How much money will be saved per year?

I have been to many of the talks about the new civic center, but have not seen hard data on this topic -- only a blanket statement that 50-70 year old buildings are old and "need to be replaced" -- which I'm not sure I agree with, since my wonderful home is 61 years old.

Once we know how much money will be saved per year, then we can calculate the break-even point (number of years) for the cost of a new civic center.

Without this data, you can't seriously deliver on the goal of "Supporting participatory governance and being a model of fiscal and environmental sustainability."

Ken Olevson inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 8:59 AM

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Please indicate the level to which you support the draft Vision Statement:

Strongly Support

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Any new or modernized existing civic center should achieve a lower total cost for using and maintaining the facilities compared to other viable alternatives.

Chris Wiegel inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 8:34 AM

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I would value efficiency above innovation. I also believe the centrality, character, and ease of access of the current location are very high on the vision list. Having a "one-stop shop" for all things Sunnyvale government related is important to the vision as I see it, meaning keeping the library, city hall and public safety co-located at roughly Mathilda and El Camino. In addition, in keeping with other developments in the area, mid-rise (i.e. 4-6 floors) should be the highest new buildings envisioned and the current landscaping (i.e. redwoods and open green space) should be preserved to help preserve the existing character of Sunnyvale while at the same time modernizing.

Ann Andersen inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 8:31 AM

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I am curious why the City is planning to sell this property. Is it to save money on upkeep, insurance liability or is it to make a few privileged citizens rich.

Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 7:38 AM

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Plenty of well maintained outdoor space is required. Too many buildings would create a crowded look.