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Introduction

Topic

Please help us finalize the Needs Assessment 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 Needs Assessment:

Draft Needs Assessment

Site

High Percentage of Green Space
Safe Pedestrian Pathways
Support a Variety of Community Use and Gathering in Outdoor Space
Adequate Parking for Peak Usage
Library

Additional Meeting Space for Small Groups, Programs, and Events
Bigger and More Robustly Shelved Collections and Areas for Teens, Tweens, and Children
More Effective Space Layout
More Robust and Appropriate Technology
City Hall

Innovative 21st Century Services
More Effective Space Layout and Allocation
More Meeting Space
Improved Security
More Robust and Appropriate Technology in Council Chambers and Meeting Rooms
Public Safety

More Effective Space Layout
Dedicated Space for Emergency Operations Center
Additional Space for Evidence Storage and Processing
Upgrade Crime Lab Facilities
Additional Secure Parking
Workshop attendees

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

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Please help us finalize the Needs Assessment for the Civic Center Project summary please check our website.

A Needs Assessment has been developed to help inform the space planning process that is currently in progress. The space plan will define how much building space is needed to continue to deliver high-quality services to the community as well as to help quantify site needs such as parking, open space and community gathering spaces.

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As of September 15, 2015, 4:31 PM, this forum had:

Attendees: 94
On Forum Responses: 19
Hours of Public Comment: 1.3

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

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Responses

Please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree with the following: The draft Needs Assessment will be helpful in developing a more detailed space plan for the Civic Center Modernization Project.

		%	Count
Strongly Agree		36.8%	7
Somewhat Agree		36.8%	7
Somewhat Disagree		21.1%	4
Strongly Disagree	I control of	5.3%	1

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

		%	Count
Strongly Support		33.3%	6
Somewhat Support		27.8%	5
Neutral		11.1%	2
Somewhat Oppose		22.2%	4
Strongly Oppose	1	5.6%	1

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

Answered 16 Skipped 3

also assessment available building buildings center civic community current do green hopefully how include land library methods more need needs other parking peak people perhaps

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plan public s so some **space** staff sunnyvale than them think usage **use** what why

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September 9, 2015, 12:54 AM

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Somewhat Disagree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Oppose

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I agreed with almost everything listed in the draft Needs Assessment; primary area of disagreement was line item for "Adequate Parking for Peak Usage." Providing parking specifically for PEAK usage is likely to result in significantly more space being devoted to parking than needed. This conflicts with other goals listed - walkability, green/open space, cost effectiveness. Parking should not trump these other goals, and should be balanced with them; perhaps "Adequate parking for typical usage" would be a better formulation.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 26, 2015, 8:19 AM

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Somewhat Disagree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Oppose

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At this point in history, it is definitely a NEED that all buildings and open space in the complex model environmental sustainability and educate the public about green features such as zero net energy building techniques; bioswales and permeable pavement; water efficiency, capture, and re-use; renewable energy; habitat restoration; native plants; perhaps even solid waste processing and district heating and cooling...I believe this need to model and educate about environmental sustainability should be explicitly identified as such.

Another need is making the buildings that house basic services resilient for times of emergency such as earthquakes or perhaps flash floods, so that staff can continue to function. Perhaps the civic center also needs to plan that some buildings be available as cooling centers for the vulnerable in case of extreme heat.

I strongly disagree that the City provide enough parking for PEAK usage. Parking is expensive, especially structured parking. Parking prevents the land's use for other purposes, including open space. Excess parking-and if we build for peak usage slots would be empty most of the time--invites more driving, less biking, walking and transit use. The younger generation drives less than the boomers do and even boomers will be driving less as we age. I urge the city NOT to build parking for PEAK periods. And I encourage the city to charge for parking because it is not actually free. It is only fair for those who use the expensive parking to pay for at least some of its cost. I don't think the City would even consider subsidizing bus riders or cyclists who frequent city hall. Why subsidize drivers? Besides, my understanding is that the City is moving away from requiring retail to provide parking for peak periods because it is so inefficient. Why would the city not follow its own policies for hopefully a model civic center complex?

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

August 12, 2015, 12:01 PM

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Somewhat Agree

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Somewhat Support

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In the suggestion of needs (the 21st century needs) I would highly recommend including spaces that are inclusive of a changing workforce (and a workforce you want to attract and retain), including private mother's nursing rooms http://www.dol.gov/whd/nursingmothers/faqBTNM.htm. There are not enough private rooms close to people's work areas to comfortably allow blocks of time for this. Also, spaces that are more attractive to younger workers will help attract and retain them, which would help with the succession planning issues that are affecting the graying municipal workforce population right now.

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August 3, 2015, 3:33 PM

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Somewhat Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Support

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No Response

Thank you for taking the time to share your opinion. We' ve posted two other related topics on the Civic Center Project to get your feedback on draft Success Criteria and a draft Vision Statement. Please take a few moments and share your opinions on these topics also. To be notified about future topics on the Civic Center Project including future community workshops, please join the interested parties e-list by simply sending an e-mail to: MyCivicCenter@sunnyvale.ca.gov. More information about the Civic Center Modernization Project is available on our project web page at: CivicCenter.inSunnyvale.com.

http://www.peakdemocracy.com/2873

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Joel Sisk inside Sunnyvale

July 29, 2015, 2:32 PM

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Somewhat Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Neutral

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I support the City's need to modernize the Civic Center.

Someone online remarked that the city shouldn't need to modernize so soon, as the buildings are "only 70 to 80 years old", and yet their 60 year-old house works just fine. Well, you may or may not have 2000 people a day coming over to your house, expecting to use your massive book and media collection, plugging in their smart phones and getting access to your state of the art internet wi-fi and other systems. This is just part of what the Sunnyvale library experiences every day.

70 years of continual use in a constantly growing city means improvements must be made now and then. And other City Service departments also need improvements in facilities, whether that be more space, better technology access, or strengthened security.

The question is, how should this modernization be done (taking into account the top interests of the residents and City staff), and how should it be paid for?

Priorities should be:

- 1) NOT leasing or selling city land to pay for modernization/improvements. Methods are available which are BOTH fiscally and civically responsible.
- 2) Maintaining/expanding green space
- 3) Keeping building heights 2 stories, maybe 3 stories, max
- 4) Making hard choices of whether some buildings can be just remodeled or expanded, rather than needing replacement.

As a general overview, the draft Needs Assessment seems to be a decent starting place, with good topics included. Some Sunnyvale resident input is missing and these items should be discussed in the Workshops and online.

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Project including future community workshops, please join the interested parties e-list by simply sending an e-mail to: MyCivicCenter@sunnyvale.ca.gov. More information about the Civic Center Modernization Project is available on our project web page at: CivicCenter.inSunnyvale.com.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 24, 2015, 10:18 AM

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Somewhat Disagree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Oppose

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

There is no mention of community garden which I think is worth including in the Civic Center Modernization Plan.

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July 20, 2015, 9:05 PM

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Strongly Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Strongly Support

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I would like to see a priority on maintaining green space, and buildings as short as possible. Also, I disagree with the idea of partnering with a developer to sell of some of the land. I have seen no justification for why this is necessary, and will only lead to more building, which is already making Sunnyvale a less desirable place to live.

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Don Krafft inside Sunnyvale

July 15, 2015, 12:57 PM

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Strongly Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Strongly Support

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The high percentage of green space should include an expansion of the community gardens and the many purposes that it serves.

Also, please note that the needs to not include reducing the land available by selling some of it to developers in order to pay for the beneficial development. This concept is very short-sighted and would short-change the citizens of Sunnyvale

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George Hamma inside Sunnyvale

July 14, 2015, 10:03 PM

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Somewhat Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Support

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I want to encourage more available outdoor green space, possibly by collaborative use of garden/library areas, use of outdoor green space for gathering and meeting, like is now used at Charles Street Gardens.

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July 9, 2015, 1:19 PM

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Somewhat Agree

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Somewhat Support

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It should be useful as a starting point. Hopefully the next phase of outreach will include an opportunity to discuss what methods can be used to identify and quantify the specific needs, methods for prioritizing them, and methods for increasing community input. How much of the wish list for a building or service is being complied by the staff, by volunteers, or by public users? Is there a way to measure the strength of support for a given item from each constituency? Hopefully the City has taken census reports of the usage of the various public meeting rooms and canvassed the users as to their preferences for location, size, amenities and can share that information at the community meeting. Are there trends in the size or type of rooms needed? Have library users been asked to provide input about their experiences - more chairs, more tables, more stroller space, more check out stations? If those kinds of things haven't been done yet, is there a timeline for getting them done? Also, we still need to get at how the existing public uses at the Civic Center and the Community Center might fit together. For instance, do all the items on the wish list need to be accommodated at the Civic Center or might some of them be moved to other City owned lands? The process needs to include demographic data so that we can fine tune the wish lists. For instance, what is the peak demographic for walkin library use versus ebooks? How does that line up with the expected demographic trends in the community by age or language? Do we really need more floor space or do we need to allocate it differently? Do we need a whole lot more books for a particular language? Does a particular neighborhood need more free computer access provided at a more convenient location? My fear is that the next outreach workshop will not supply us with the kind of detail we need to make meaningful input and that it will be time wasted and someone will tick a box saying "workshops were held".

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July 8, 2015, 6:44 PM

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Somewhat Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Neutral

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Here are two very important issues that I feel need to be clearly addressed: traffic congestion and building height. Please do not allow buildings over three stories in that area.

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Deborah Marks inside Sunnyvale

July 6, 2015, 1:19 PM

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Somewhat Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Oppose

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

The "Needs Assessment" was put together primarily after talking to residents/staff (Site and Library) and staff (City Hall and Public Safety). These are the "needs", perhaps better stated as "wishes", for an ideal Civic Center. The "needs/wishes" can only be fulfilled as the finances allow. Many, many residents do NOT want to revert to a public/private partnership in order to fulfill all these "needs/wishes" all at once because that would mean sacrificing some of the land at the Civic Center. They could be prioritized as the financing allows by a bond measure or other means. The "needs/wishes" could be taken care of over a planned period of time as the finances allow without losing land at the Civic Center.

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July 5, 2015, 3:01 PM

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Strongly Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Strongly Support

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While I think the current infrastructure is somewhat adequate, the issue is the current over-development of Sunnyvale under the guise of "affordable housing." Other nearby cities have put a halt to overdevelopment -- why not Sunnyvale? We need to halt the overdevelopment of Sunnyvale while ensuring our current infrastructure can accommodate the already increased density of people.

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July 4, 2015, 8:29 PM

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Strongly Disagree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Strongly Oppose

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Since Sunnyvale populaiton will not increase by much over the next few decades, I see no reason to increase our "efficiency" since the current city government facilities serve our citizens well enough. this whole new plan looks to me like a "developer's dream project" than something the city citizens really needs. I am ashamed by the blatantly self-serving aspects of this plan to benefit those who contributed to the election campaign of many of the current city council members..

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

July 1, 2015, 9:33 PM

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Somewhat Disagree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

No Response

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This is not a needs assessment, it is an objectives statement. The Clty should prepare a detailed needs statement that quantify City needs before proceeding any further wit the project. The needs assessment should list and prioritize city activities and quantify their facility needs.

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Vivian Euzent inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 5:02 PM

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Strongly Agree

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Strongly Support

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Hopefully, flex-type spaces will be incorporated into the design so that facilities can be used in more than one way depending on the need at the time.

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Name not shown inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 11:43 AM

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Strongly Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Somewhat Support

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

No Response

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Ken Olevson inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 9:04 AM

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Strongly Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Strongly Support

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No Response

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Chris Wiegel inside Sunnyvale

June 30, 2015, 8:53 AM

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Strongly Agree

Do you support the draft Needs Assessment as a way to reflect community needs in the Civic Center space plan?

Strongly Support

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

My opinion is that most of the points look good. I do question the need for outdoor gathering space - we have Washington Park nearby for that. Maybe upgrade the common use building there? Also the library should be careful in investing in tech since it becomes obsolete so quickly. It might be more efficient to supply fixed (i.e. desktop) computers for common use while encouraging people to bring their own devices and connect to the library via Wi-fi. I think the library should not be supplying tablets and laptops and other easy to steal and/or break devices. As for the city hall tech upgrade, I am not sure exactly what is envisioned, but I think it needs to be reasonable in terms of scope and cost.