



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

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Agenda Date: 1/30/2015

2015 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

DPW 15-10

TITLE Relocation of the Butcher House to Heritage Garden Park and Review of the Need for a Retaining Wall

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Public Works
Support Department(s): N/A

Sponsor(s):

Councilmembers: Martin-Milius, Griffith

History:

1 year ago: N/A
 2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

Butcher House Relocation

Staff previously reviewed the relocation of the Butcher House as a Budget Issue to determine all the costs associated with relocation. This Study Issue would only determine the appropriate location for the Butcher House within Heritage Garden Park and the conceptual elements that need to be included as part of the project that affects other park features. This would include tree removals/relocations, utilities, and access.

There are also two additional projects currently under consideration at Heritage Garden Park that affect the Butcher House relocation.

Construction of a Retaining Wall

The study would review the existing drainage (the Heritage Museum experienced flooding as part of the last major storm) and make a determination if drainage modifications are required. It would also analyze what type of improvements (such as retaining walls), if any, should be constructed to address any flooding and drainage issues.

Project 830480 Orchard Heritage Park

There is funded capital project to remove and construct a new maintenance building and dumpster enclosure within the park. The purpose of the project is to make the museum and surrounding area

more accessible, usable, and attractive. Staff is currently developing a design scope of work, which is scheduled for release in March.

Study Issue Approach

The Study Issue contemplates additional modifications to the park. As such, it would be most effective to combine all projects into one single project. A piecemeal approach would not work, as each decision taken individually could affect future options and opportunities.

Staff will include the drainage concern as part of the current scope of work for project 830480. The drainage item contemplates specific engineering issues which staff believes should fit within the expertise of the designer that will be selected as part of the current project. However, the identification of a location of the Butcher house will require additional funding and time. This includes masterplan review, preliminary engineering concerns, and additional outreach. If relocation of the Butcher house proceeds as a selected Study Issue, staff will incorporate it within the same consultant contract, which will allow for a comprehensive plan for all the proposed improvements. It is important to highlight that this will delay the completion of the scope of work for project 830480 by approximately three months, and the additional work will add approximately another six months to the overall project.

What precipitated this study?

Request by the Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association

Planned Completion Year: 2015

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$50,000

Funding Source: Will seek budget supplement

Explanation of Cost:

The additional funds will be used to help masterplan and identify a possible location for the Butcher house. This will also include conceptual infrastructure needs and a discussion on possible impacts.

Cost to Implement Study Results

Butcher house - No cost to implement.

Retaining Wall/Drainage Issues - Will be determined as part of design

Explanation of Cost: The actual design, relocation, and construction of the Butcher house would be funded by private funds. This would also include any City fees for review and inspection.

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: If Orchard Heritage Park is a feasible location for the Butcher house, it would be beneficial to include it as part of the current project. Because of space constraints, understanding and planning all possible improvements would simplify future construction of improvements within the park.

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