EXCERPT

Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes - Final

May 16, 2016

Yes: 5 - Chair Paton

Vice Chair Srivastava Commissioner Glazebrook Commissioner Hafeman Commissioner Kisyova

No: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 16-0512 Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan

Mansour Nasser, Water and Sewer Division Manager, presented key highlights from the Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). The presentation included a review of the new state requirements for UWMPs; updates on Sunnyvale's historical, current, and projected water supply and demand; Sunnyvale's accomplishments relative to regulatory targets; and new permanent water conservation measures incorporated into the 2015 UWMP. The UWMP will be finalized by July 1, 2016 as required by the State Water Board.

The Commission asked clarification questions regarding the UWMP and data presented. Vice Chair Srivastava asked how the Sustainability Commission could assist in further supporting water conservation efforts in the City. Mr. Nasser indicated that the City has made good progress on water conservation efforts and that the best approach is to continue working with regional partners, such as the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency.

Chair Paton opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were provided by the public.

Chair Paton closed the Public Hearing.

No action was taken by the Commission on this item.

3 16-0513 Draft Peery Park Specific Plan and EIR

Amber Blizinski, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Peery Park Specific Plan (Plan) as well as the draft Environmental Impact Review (DEIR) prepared for this Plan. Her presentation included an overview of the proposed land uses in the Peery Park Area; sustainability-focused elements of the Plan (connectivity for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic, and transportation demand management [TDM]); and the draft environmental impact analysis of Plan.

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Kristel Wickham, resident of Sunnyvale, noted that the addition of a significant amount of commercial space, as well as the additional 215 units of housing, included under the proposed Plan have traffic and other impacts on the existing residential area adjacent to Peery Park.

Chair Paton closed the Public Hearing.

The Commission asked clarification questions about the Plan and the DEIR. The Commission provided the following comments on the Draft Peery Park Specific Plan: (1) Reliance only on a TDM approach likely underestimates the challenge of commutes to the area from the East Bay; (2) Plan should study connectivity of bicycle lanes between Plan area and Caltrain or light rail; (3) Plan should require. and not only encourage, native plants in areas beyond just parks; (4) Plan should incorporate a residential buffer on the South side, similar to the one on the East side; (5) Plan should consider requiring the creation of a shuttle service that would also serve the residents in Peery Park; (6) Plan should study and incorporate paid parking requirements; (6) Plan should address affordable housing needs beyond those required by regulations; (7) Plan should incorporate quantifiable goals for green building (such as energy efficiency) rather than a general statement encouraging green building and associated development incentives; (8) Plan should include urban canopy targets; (9) the plan for the interior parts of the parcel is exceptionally well-conceived in terms of optimizing use of space and creating an integrated campus.

The Commission noted that they were not all able complete a detailed review of the DEIR and they hoped that the DEIR included the following: (1) an evaluation of the impacts of the proposed Mary Avenue extension project, which could aggravate congestion problems related to the Moffett and Peery Park areas; (2) a discussion of sea-level rise impacts.

Annual Review of the City Manager's Recommended Budget
Full budget available online at:
< http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/Finance/BudgetDocuments.aspx

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