

## RECOMMENDED FINDINGS

### Use Permit

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In order to approve the Use Permit to allow the extension of use of the modular classrooms in the front parking lot of a public charter middle school at 539 E. Weddell Dr. for two years (2017 to 2019 school years), the Planning Commission must make one of the following two findings:

1. The proposed use attains the objectives and purposes of the General Plan of the City of Sunnyvale.

This finding can be made for the project as conditioned. The property was approved as a school site, and the proposed extension of the use of the modular classrooms for two years is compatible with the neighborhood. Compliance with adopted General Plan goals and policies is discussed below.

**CITYWIDE VISION GOAL – V. Diverse Population** – To celebrate the diversity of the population and to provide equal opportunity for all residents to participate fully in community life.

**CITYWIDE VISION GOAL – VII. Quality Education** – To support and work cooperatively with the educational institutions which serve Sunnyvale so as to provide the opportunity for a quality education for all youth, and life-long learning for all residents.

**LUTE Policy 49** - Preserve and enhance an attractive community, with a positive image, a sense of place, landscaping and a human scale.

**LUTE Policy 59** – Allow compatible and supporting uses such as group homes, places of assembly, community centers, recreational centers, and child-care centers in residential neighborhoods (including single-family neighborhoods) subject to review and consideration of operations, traffic, parking, and architecture.

**LUTE Policy 107** – Maintain and promote conveniently located public and quasi-public uses and services that enhance neighborhood cohesiveness and provide social and recreational opportunities.

**LUTE Policy 108** – Recognize child care and places of assembly as essential services and land uses that support the diverse needs of the community. Avoid locating these sensitive uses near hazardous materials, noise, dust, etc.

**LUTE Policy 109** – Locate places of assembly uses where they provide benefit to the community and do not adversely impact nearby uses.

The proposed project is consistent with the General Plan Goals and Policies in that it would allow the continuation of a quasi-public service educational use in close proximity to a residential neighborhood and allow for the re-use of modular classrooms for a term limited period. The school would encourage education and

recreational activities for Sunnyvale students. There are no schools within one-half mile of the project site.

2. The proposed use is desirable, and will not impair either the orderly development of, or the existing uses being made of, adjacent properties.

The project does not require any significant site or building improvements that would intensify the use of the site. Existing structures will remain on site and the extended use of the modular classrooms would be for a term limited period. When the modular classrooms are removed, the area would be converted to an outdoor space for students as intended in the original approval.