

- 1      [17-0992](#)      Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate a Formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Sunnyvale School District for a Joint Use Lakewood Branch Library and Learning Center on the Lakewood Elementary School Site

Director Bojorquez announced that Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD) notified City staff of their potential interest in becoming a third partner in the Lakewood Branch Library Project and introduced Graham Clark from FUHSD who reiterated the District's interest. Director Bojorquez provided a presentation on the Branch Library and Learning Center Project and Feasibility Study Findings. Director Bojorquez stated that the purpose of the feasibility study was to identify the terms and conditions of a potential partnership with Sunnyvale School District (SSD) including contributions of the parties, space and program needs, governance issues, the identification of site options and preliminary cost estimates. A total of four sites were identified. Director Bojorquez provided an overview of the two site options that were identified as mutually-acceptable, viable site options.

Board Members and Commissioners asked:

- 1) Would filtering of content be implemented due to partnership with school(s)?
- 2) Which hiring process would be used and would personnel be City staff or School staff?
- 3) How much open space will be lost with the site options identified?
- 4) Will the project include research in creating a green building?
- 5) What guarantee does the City have that SSD and FUHSD will provide the programs and/or services needed for the community?
- 6) Does the City have plans for where to relocate the softball/baseball field?
- 7) How will the operating cost be handled?

Director Bojorquez noted:

- 1) The policies and procedures currently utilized at the Main Library would be practiced at the Branch with respect to filtering of content.
- 2) The Branch Library is a City project; therefore, personnel would be City staff and hiring procedures would be administered by the City.
- 3) It is estimated that approximately 39,000 square feet of open space on School-District property would be impacted. However, this would be less impact than if the project were built on the original City-owned property in Lakewood Park and could be mitigated through the Lakewood Park Renovation Enhancement Project.
- 4) Director Bojorquez clarified that the feasibility study was focused on the viability

of a partnership and that design issues such as green building elements would be addressed later in the design process of the project. Director Bojorquez also state that the City is committed to green building sustainability and assured the Commissioners that the issues of green buildings would be addressed.

5) Director Bojorquez indicated that the MOU will outline the type of services to be provided in the facility and that by using the Columbia Neighborhood Center governance model there will be ongoing opportunities to make adjustments to ensure programs are responsive to community need.

6) As part of the Lakewood Park Renovation Enhancement Project, staff could study and identify potential sites for the softball/baseball field.

7) The MOU will include both a funding strategy to support the construction of a preferred site option as well as a budget that will address on-going operation and maintenance costs.

Director Bojorquez provided an overview of the project outline and next steps. Council will consider this item at their March 6, 2018 meeting.

Chair Kenton expressed concern of Park Dedication Fund monies being used for the Branch Library Project. Director Bojorquez indicated that any use of Park Dedication Fund (PDF) monies would be in alignment with PDF policies and only expended for eligible uses such as landscaping.

Chair Kenton opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

Board Member Fong moved, and Vice Chair Bremond seconded, to amend Alternative 1 to include a formal agreement with Fremont Union High School District in addition to Sunnyvale School District. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Bremond  
Board Member Fong  
Board Member Isaak

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Lai  
Board Member Hwang

Board Member Isaak moved, and Board Member Fong seconded, to recommend to Council Alternative 1: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Sunnyvale School District and Fremont Union High School District for a Joint Use Branch Library and Learning Center project. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 -** Vice Chair Bremond  
Board Member Fong  
Board Member Isaak

**No: 0**

**Absent: 2 -** Chair Lai  
Board Member Hwang

Commissioner McCune moved, and Vice Chair Alexander III seconded, to amend Alternative 1 to include a formal agreement with Fremont Union High School District in addition to Sunnyvale School District. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 4 -** Chair Kenton  
Vice Chair Alexander III  
Commissioner Gabashvili  
Commissioner McCune

**No: 1 -** Commissioner Pasqua

Commissioner Pasqua spoke towards his vote. He expressed concern that FUHSD did not have a track record in serving the needs of low income residents in North Sunnyvale.

Commissioner Gabashvili moved, and Commissioner McCune seconded, to recommend to Council Alternative 1: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Sunnyvale School District and Fremont Union High School District for a Joint Use Branch Library and Learning Center project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kenton  
Commissioner Gabashvili  
Commissioner McCune

No: 2 - Vice Chair Alexander III  
Commissioner Pasqua

Commissioner Pasqua reiterated his concern about FUHSD's ability to serve residents of North Sunnyvale.

Vice Chair Alexander spoke towards his vote. He expressed concern regarding park space and lack of consideration towards a green building.

**STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

**-Board Member Comments**

None.

**-Staff Comments**

None.

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.