



# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item

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18-0896

Agenda Date: 3/7/2019

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### 2019 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

#### **NUMBER**

DPW 19-07

**TITLE** Ascertain Suitable Location(s) for the Installation of Youth Cricket Batting Cages and Potential Funding Sources

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Lead Department:** Department of Public Works

**Support Departments:** Office of the City Manager  
Office of the City Attorney  
Department of Library and Community Services

**Sponsor(s):** Councilmembers: Melton, Goldman

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

#### **SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

##### **What precipitated this study?**

During the public outreach portion of the approval of the Conceptual Design for the Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project (RTC No. 18-0646) it was noted that there was demand for cricket facilities in the City. Several residents spoke and provided input for the conceptual design emphasizing the desire for both a cricket pitch and cricket batting cages to be built in City parks. There is currently one cricket pitch in the City located at Ortega Park and no cricket batting cages. During the public comment portion of the approval of the Conceptual Design for the Fair Oaks Park Renovation Project at City Council multiple residents also spoke to the need as well as benefits of City provided cricket facilities.

##### **What are the key elements of the study?**

The study issue would ascertain suitable location(s) for the installation of youth cricket batting cages within the City parks system or suitability of shared use of existing baseball batting cages at Serra Park and DeAnza Park, including existing and projected usage patterns. The study would also identify potential funding sources.

**Estimated years to complete study:** 1 year

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

##### **Cost to Conduct Study**

Level of staff effort required: Moderate

Funding Required for Non-Budgeted Costs: \$25,000

Funding Source:

Will seek budget supplement

A consultant would be hired to evaluate the potential locations for future cricket batting cages considering demographics, potential demand, other current sports user groups, park locations and existing amenities. Parks and Library and Community Services staff will assist the consultant with a variety of tasks including providing historical perspective, identifying potential park locations and identifying existing infrastructure as it may relate to the study. It is anticipated that public outreach will be part of the consultant's work.

**Cost to Implement Study Results**

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs, including capital and operating, as well as potential revenue.

**EXPECTED CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION**

Council-Approved Work Plan: No

Council Study Session: Yes

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Park and Recreation Commission

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Support. This policy issue merits discussion at the 2019 Study Issues Workshop.

This study is consistent with **General Plan, Chapter 3, *Land Use and Transportation - Open Space, Goal LT-8***

Options for Healthy Living - Create a city development pattern and improve the city's infrastructure in order to maximize healthy choices for all ages, including physical activity, use of the outdoors, and access to fresh food.

The study issue is also supported by **General Plan, Chapter 4, *Community Character - Recreation, Goal CC-11***

Wide Range of Recreation Programming - The City strives to ensure equal opportunities for participation and to provide for a range of structured and unstructured uses, and a variety of general and special interest uses in parks and facilities. The city also provides a wide range of program choices, open space, amenities and facility offerings to meet the recreational needs of a diverse and changing population, including identified subgroups and special populations. Policies related to acquiring and/or developing open space facilities and amenities are also included here. Competing interests and finite resources, however, require the City to set some priorities. (*Previously Open Space and Recreation Goal 2.2.D / Adopted in 2006*).

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