

## Summary of Meeting Notes

### Orchard Heritage Park Museum Expansion Proposal Outreach Meeting

#### Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom

February 20, 2019

7:00 p.m.

The following information was discussed during the meeting and/or received via comment cards:

1. Support for a bigger and better museum.
2. Research possibilities at the museum would improve with the expansion.
3. Limited room for exhibits addition needed badly.
4. May have an overall gain of trees by planting elsewhere and only a small number of trees to be removed (6-10).
5. Provide education to the public and students with a larger library through the expansion. Do not have facilities needed for continued student programming
6. Museum does not have adequate space
7. Do not support the infringement on the orchard. Is it possible to place the expansion elsewhere? Build a basement?
8. CEQA guidelines and outcomes?
9. Defend open space.
10. Suggestion to create an orchard preservation plan prior to considering the expansion.
11. There is a loss of trust between the residents and the Museum due to the Butcher House proposal.
12. Represent technology in the museum (NASA, Blue Cube and Onizuka Air Force Base).  
This is not an either or decision. How can it be more inclusive?
13. Don't like issues that pit people against one another.
14. No other work or additions should be allowed in the orchard or museum.
15. Put addition to the east of the museum on museum property
16. Plant trees where they'll be successful. Soil and dirt issues do not allow for trees to be placed in every area of the orchard.
17. Area is needed by orchard staff. Pieces are being removed a little at a time.
18. This is an opportunity to work together on a solution through compromise.
19. The orchards is a commercial business.
20. A viable orchard must be 10 acres in order to hire workers, etc.

21. Do not appreciate coming back again and again, lock in the boundaries of the museum and orchard.
22. Move the museum to the new City Hall site.
23. The museum expansion is not aesthetically pleasing.
24. Trees would be destroyed, not preserved. This will result in a loss of farming opportunities.
25. Digitize materials and make them available to all.
26. A loss of trees affects other businesses, such as beekeepers and personal gardeners
27. Charlie Olson and the working farm are forms of Sunnyvale's history.
28. Get the museum what they need but do not remove trees.
29. More parking spaces will be needed with the expansion. Parking is already limited at certain times of the day.
30. Concern this is not the last request from the museum to expand
31. Do not remove one tree
32. How many more people will the addition bring? Take parking into consideration.

The City also received 136 email responses, 38 in support of SHSMA's proposal and 98 against the expansion into the Orchard.