



Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association

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City Manager, Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council Members:

The mission of the Sunnyvale Historical Society is to preserve, archive, restore and protect items pertaining to the history of our community. We are presented with a rare opportunity to execute that mission in a manner that will benefit the museum, the City, and the generations of residents to follow.

Last summer we posted a request to former employees of the iconic Blue Cube building to share their stories and history of the many projects that were designed and controlled in the Cube, while thinking ahead to a possible new exhibit. The response was overwhelming! The history and innovation that took place in that building were of vital importance to Sunnyvale and indeed the national security of the world. Among many others, some of the major programs at the Blue Cube included Manned Orbiting Laboratory, Corona, Gambit and Hexagon Programs and the Samos and Midas Programs. Now is the time to save and record this history before it is gone.

The Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association, respectfully requests to enter into a joint project with the City of Sunnyvale to build a 1600 square foot addition to the current museum building. The Society is fully willing to raise all funds required to build this addition and operate and maintain it for the future, as we do the current museum. Along with the OHPIE Exhibit, the Museum building, the Bianchi Barn, and newly refurbished Annex building, this addition would further allow our visitors, young and old, to understand what this valley looked like in the late 1800's as it morphed into the High-Tech Capitol of the Bay Area.

Would the City please agendaize this request to build the addition to the current museum building as soon as possible? The requested addition will house the new Blue Cube and Navy exhibits as well as a much needed research library space.

Sunnyvale has always been known as a City that knows how to do the right thing. We think that the "right thing" is to save the history of the Blue Cube, that irreplaceable part of Sunnyvale history, and we hope you think so, too.

Sincerely,

Flo Stafford
President

Laura Babcock
Director

Attachments: preliminary building plans and Blue Cube photo