



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

19-0880
Agenda Date: 7/22/2019

Study Session Summary of July 22, 2019 - City Hall Schematic Design Presentation for Comment and Input

Call to Order:

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Planning Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Daniel Howard, Chair
 Commissioner Sue Harrison
 Commissioner John Howe
 Commissioner Ken Rheaume
 Commissioner Carol Weiss

Planning Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner David Simons, Vice Chair
 Commissioner Ken Olevson

Study Session Summary:

Allison Boyer, Assistant City Engineer, delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the City Hall Schematic Design. She gave background information regarding the Master Plan and Phase 1 and updated the Commissioners on the project to date. She noted that the item will be going to Council on August 27 for review of the Schematic Design as well as some financial updates.

Planning Commissioners asked questions, made comments and expressed concerns:

- Commissioners congratulated Staff on a great presentation.
- Question and discussion about what is restorative about the drought-tolerant plantings and Native Planting Pallets.
- Comment and discussion about the exterior design of City Hall, terra cotta color for the Emergency Operations Center(EOC), and adding more windows to the EOC.
- Comment and discussion about the density of granite in the plaza area and granite absorbing too much heat. Suggestion to provide additional trees for shading or additional landscaping.
- Clarification on the roof and solar panels of the structure looking blue and overhanging.
- Question and discussion about the façade of the building and consideration of using smart glass.
- Question and discussion about the size of the Council Chambers and surrounding area.

- Concern about the Sunnyvale Civic Center sign on the corner obscuring the sculpture.
- Question and discussion about the glass piece located in the lobby and possibility of being fitted glass to include trees or agriculture to represent the cultural heritage of the City and future.
- Question and discussion about the option of using structural timber for the building and having a bike lane on Olive Avenue.
- Comment and discussion about the possibility of including historical exhibits in the lobby.
- Comment about Camellias being a slow growing flowering plant and the possibility of saving existing trees in front of City Hall.
- Question and discussion of a map being available showing how the current City Hall is geographically located in relation to the new City Hall.
- Clarification on the structure and the fins being made from wood.
- Question and discussion on the possibility of looking at additional natural color pallets.

Adjournment:

Chair Howard adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.