



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

20-0259

Agenda Date: 2/4/2020

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Study Session Summary of January 7, 2020 - Downtown Specific Plan Amendment Presentation.

Call to Order:

Vice Mayor Melton called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

City Councilmembers Present:

Vice Mayor Russ Melton
Councilmember Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember Nancy Smith
Councilmember Michael S. Goldman
Councilmember Mason Fong

City Councilmembers Recused:

Mayor Larry Klein
Councilmember Gustav Larsson

Study Session Summary:

Trudi Ryan, Director of Community Development and Andrew Miner, Assistant Director of Community Development delivered a presentation on the draft Downtown Specific Plan Amendment.

Councilmembers asked questions and made comments on the following topics:

- What are the economic impacts of not having a hotel in DSP Block 18?
- What will the community benefits be used for, and whether it can be used for pension fund?
- What are walkability and pedestrian improvements?
- Desire to understand more about the changes to district boundaries.
- Concern about availability of short-term parking.
- Desire for any above ground parking structures to have superior architecture, with a preference for not seeing any parking.
- Interest in how design of roadway medians is addressed and understanding why they are included in some Avenues.
- Rideshare accommodations and how these are handled in the plan, and if rideshare accommodations can be incorporated into the design of each project
- Question whether Frances Avenue can be extended to McKinley Avenue.
- Interest in a seasonal ice rink (Plaza del Sol or Redwood Square).
- Clarification on height changes for development proposals.
- How will the jobs to housing ratio be covered in the plan?

- What will be included in the Downtown Wayfinding?
- Questions about the requirements or plans for maintenance of the landscaping in the plan area.
- Timing of the development agreements.
- Desire for more community input.
- Interest in improved bus and bicycle access for the plan area.
- Desire to understand more about the potential future grade separation of Sunnyvale Avenue at the rail lines.
- Interest in increasing the tree canopy downtown.
- More information on the allowable maximum development intensity for the current and proposed plan.

Public Comment:

Members of the public made the following comments:

- Appreciation for the winter ice rink.
- Concern about losing downtown views of the mountains; and, a comment that the mountains would be visible from upper stories.
- Interest in improvements for car share, transportation network rides, scooters and bikes.
- Desire for a museum, entertainment or activities to draw people to the downtown.
- Interest in the type of retail that will serve downtown.
- Appreciation for the housing allowed in the draft plan.
- Appreciation for the timing of the plan update.
- Concern over the reduction of retail and hotel uses.

Adjournment:

Vice Mayor Melton adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.