



Sunnyvale

Policy Issues for Subcommittee Consideration

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Policy Issues

1. Remote Public Participation

- Continue providing remote public participation via Zoom or similar technology after the shelter in place and stay at home orders associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic are lifted.

2. Fast-Track Process

- Add new “fast-track” process for low-cost, smaller projects, separate from the study issues process.

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3. Joint Meetings w/ Council

- Hold joint meetings between the City Council and B/C Chairs and Vice Chairs more often.

4. B/C Joint Study Sessions

- Schedule joint study sessions among boards and commissions allowing for communication on best practices pertaining to boards and commissions.

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5. B/C Policy Ideas

- Develop a mechanism for developing policy ideas for a specific B/C.

6. B/C Sub-Committees

- Allow boards and commissions to create their own standing sub-committees.

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7. Adding Agenda Items

- Permit board and commission members to add items to an agenda that does not require extensive work.
- *Staff Comment:*
A definition of “extensive work” should be included if this policy idea is recommended to the City Council.

8. B/C Responses to Email

- Review Council policy and provide B/C members the ability to respond to emails received from the public.

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9. Update Annual Work Plans

- Allow boards and commissions to update their annual work plans through-out the year.
- *Staff Comment:*
This is allowed and requires changes to a work plan to be reviewed and approved by the City Council.

10. Communication

- Review communication of ideas with members of the public and board and commission members outside of public meetings.

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11. Task Force

- Create a task force to review the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials, study issues process and Council Policy 7.2.19 Boards and Commissions.

12. Sponsor Budget Issues

- Allow B/C members to propose and sponsor budget issues.

Policy issue identified by staff for consideration

13. Voter Registration Requirement

- Maintain voter registration requirement for non-Charter boards and commissions. For example, consider Sunnyvale residency as the primary membership requirement instead of voter registration.



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Thank You