



Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association's Proposed Addition to the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum: CEQA Finding, Agreements, and Next Steps

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City Council, October 12, 2021



Community Center and Orchard Heritage Park Area Map



Orchard Heritage Park Site Map

Bianchi Barn &
Orchard Operations

Heritage
Museum

Multi-purpose building – currently
storage for Museum

Orchard Heritage Park
Interpretive Exhibit



Orchard Heritage Park Site Map with SHSMA's Considered Expansion Alternatives

Proposed Location #1

Two alternate locations for the expansion were considered (as shown), but SHSMA determined that Location #1 is the only viable option.

Possible Location #2

Possible Location #3



Heritage Park Museum Proposed Addition: Background Timeline

Orchard Heritage
Park Museum
Expansion Public
Outreach Meeting

Parks and Recreation
Commission

CEQA Studies
Initiated

CEQA Studies
Completed

City Council
Review Potential
Museum Expansion

City Council
Consider Funding the
CEQA Environmental
Review

2019

2020

2021

2022

Orchard Heritage Park Site Map with Location of Addition Project

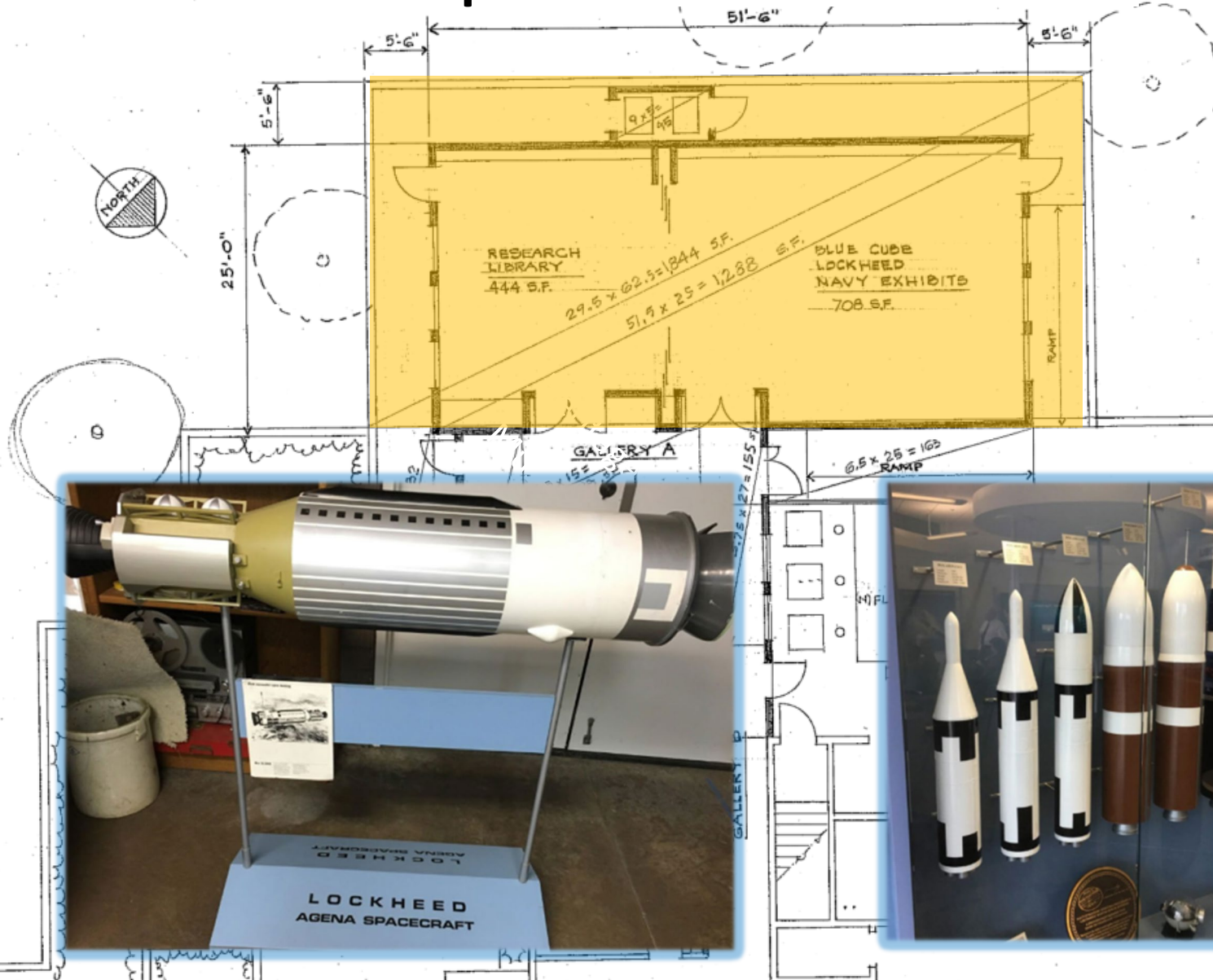


Heritage
Museum

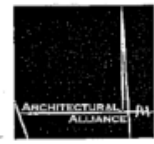
Site Location of the
1,600 sf Addition

Heritage Park Museum

Proposed Addition Floor Plan



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HERITAGE PARK MUSEUM
ADDITION
570 E. REMINGTON DR. SUNNYVALE, 94088

DRAWN BY:
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SCALE:
1/8" = 1'-0"
DATE:
JAN. 31, 2019
DWG. NO.
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Heritage Park Museum Proposed Addition: CEQA Findings

- **Studies Performed:**

- ◆ **Agricultural Resources Technical Memorandum, by Kimley-Horn & Associates**
- ◆ **Cultural Resource Report and Impacts Assessment, by PaleoWest**

Kimley-Horn

MEMORANDUM

To: Matten Quisenberry P.E., Senior Engineer
City of Sunnyvale Department of Public Works
From: Brad Stuenkel
Project Manager, Kimley-Horn
Date: June 11, 2019
Subject: Agricultural Resources Technical Memorandum

PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) was requested by the City of Sunnyvale to prepare an Agricultural Resources Technical Memorandum to assess the potential environmental effects of the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum Expansion project. The proposed project would occur at 570 East Remington Drive in the City of Sunnyvale, County of Santa Clara, California. The proposed project includes a 1.65-acre lot (L) expansion of the existing museum and would occur within an approximately 10-acre agricultural orchard.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to evaluate the potential environmental effects on agricultural resources from the proposed expansion. This analysis has been performed to provide needed background information and determine the future environmental documentation that would be needed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Preparation of this document is needed to provide contextual information, and a preliminary evaluation of potential impacts from use of 1.65 acres of the orchard. This memorandum is anticipated to be used to support the preparation of either a Categorical Exemption (NCE), Negative Declaration (ND), or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

This memorandum describes the existing agricultural resources on the project site, available changes to the existing environment, discusses continued operation of orchard, and provides the context and provisions under which the orchard operates. This memorandum also highlights the impact of the City to continue support for the continued operations of the orchard.

BACKGROUND

Historically, the Santa Clara Valley was one of the nation's most productive agricultural areas, known as the "Valley of Heart's Delight" because of its abundant fruit orchards. The region experienced rapid urban growth after the end of World War II, especially in the northern half of the county. Today, the county's remaining agricultural uses are concentrated in the southern half of the valley surrounding the towns of Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE REPORT AND IMPACTS ASSESSMENT
FOR THE SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PARK MUSEUM EXPANSION
PROJECT, SUNNYVALE, SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Chandra Miller, M.A., and Sarah Mace, M.A.
7/12/2019



- **Findings:** The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 and Class 3 exemptions.

Orchard Heritage Park: Master Plan, Agreements, and Amendments

- **Orchard Heritage Park Master Plan**
(dated September 24, 2002)
- **Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association Lease Agreement**
(dated September 12, 2006)
 - ♦ Including Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4
- **Olson Orchard Maintenance Agreement**
(dated December 15, 1992)



Heritage Park Museum Proposed Addition: If accepted, what are the next steps?

STEP 1: Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association (SHSMA) and City to execute the Fifth Amendment to the SHSMA Lease.



STEP 2: SHSMA to submit a Planning Application to the City Planning Division for review and approval.



STEP 3: Upon receiving Planning approval, SHSMA shall file a CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County of Santa Clara.



STEP 4: SHSMA to follow standard process for Building Permit approval of detailed construction plans and construction.

Alternatives

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15301(e) and 15303(c), accept the Heritage Museum Expansion Project concept proposed by SHSMA, and direct the City Manager to execute the Fifth Amendment to the SHSMA Lease Agreement in substantially the same form as Attachment 7 to the report when all necessary conditions have been met.
2. Find that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15301(e) and 15303(c), and decline the request from the SHSMA to expand the museum building.
3. Find that the project is not exempt from CEQA and direct staff to complete further appropriate environmental review before the project is approved.
4. Other actions as directed by Council.