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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

CONTINUED FROM JULY 16, 2019.

Updates to the Design Guidelines for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District: Adopt a Resolution Updating the Design Guidelines for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District, and Find that the Action is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Sections 15308 and 15061 (b)(3). (Study Issue)

SUMMARY OF COMMISSION ACTION

This item was originally scheduled for the June 5, 2019 Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting but was continued to July 10, 2019 due to a lack of quorum.

The HPC voted 5-0 (two Commissioners absent) to forward to City Council the staff recommendation to update the Design Guidelines for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District (District) on July 10, 2019.

The HPC was supportive of the new document and staff's efforts in creating more objective standards for the District. Attachment 7 contains the excerpt draft meeting minutes from the HPC hearing.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 3 to the report) Updating the Design Guidelines for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District, and Find that the Action is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 and 15061(b)(3).
2. Adopt a Resolution Updating the Design Guidelines with modifications for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District, and Find that the Action is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15308 and 15061(b)(3).
3. Take no action and maintain the existing use of the 1994 Murphy Avenue Design Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION

Alternative 1: Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 3 to the report) Updating the Design Guidelines for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District, and Find that the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 and Section 15061 (b)(3).

Adoption of the updated Design Guidelines for the District will provide clear direction to property owners, staff, the HPC, and the City Council on the key character defining features of each building within the District. This document is designed to provide clear direction to property owners and tenants while allowing decision makers to easily assess whether a project meets the guidelines, and continues to contribute positively to the District.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Report to Heritage Preservation Commission 19-0446, June 5, 2019 (without attachments)
2. Study Issue Paper
3. Draft Resolution and Draft Design Guidelines for the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District
4. Map of the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District
5. Link to the 1994 (current) Murphy Avenue Design Guidelines

Additional Attachments for Report to Council

6. Excerpt of the June 5, 2019 HPC Draft Minutes
7. Excerpt of the July 10, 2019 HPC Draft Minutes