



# City of Sunnyvale

## Agenda Item-No Attachments (PDF)

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### Parks and Recreation Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2020 Proposed Study Issues\*

Date	Working Title	Summary of Scope	Staff Comments
6/12/19	Sunnyvale Parks Waste Reduction Initiative	By creating opportunities to recycle in public spaces, municipalities can capture more materials for recycling, create and support a culture of recycling, and demonstrate the value of recycling materials. As a City, Sunnyvale has an opportunity to lead efforts to reduce garbage going to the landfill. The success of public space recycling programs involves community collaboration, infrastructure investments, and setting realistic goals that benefit residents, visitors, businesses and the environment. Success also comes from raising awareness about waste reduction, and the environmental and economic benefits resulting from recycling. Public space recycling can help communities move toward zero-waste programs and community-wide composting efforts. Public space recycling highlights a	The purpose of this study is to consider options for better managing garbage at City Parks to reduce waste. The Study will look at various options including, but not limited to recycling, food scraps and composting in City Parks. It's possible that by separating waste sooner in the collection stream at City parks that Sunnyvale may be able to significantly reduce waste produced at the parks going into landfills. The Study would identify best practices for minimizing refuse going to the landfill and analyze associated costs for the various options. Cost analysis would include such things labor, additional refuse retainers and infrastructure upgrades.

		community's commitment to the environment and sustainability, while increasing livability.	

\*The study issues have been proposed for future sponsorship

Toward the end of the calendar year, no later than October, boards and commissions will review the list of proposed study issues and officially vote on sponsorship for each individually listed study issue. Official sponsorship means that the study issue is approved for ranking with a majority vote of the board or commission. Staff will then prepare the sponsored study issue papers, including fiscal impact **but not** the staff recommendation.