



City of Sunnyvale

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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.	
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9/17/19	Evaluate Feasibility of Sunnyvale LCS Hosting Pet Parade Event Annually	<p>The DuoDuo Project (a nonprofit organization), has been hosting Halloween Pet Parade in Sunnyvale Downtown and Sunnyvale City has been a significant co-sponsor for the event providing fee waivers, grant, marketing support, DPS officers, permit waivers etc. Pet Parade is a positive family venture focused towards the youth of our community. Participants and public who attended the event have felt that it represented their interests and is acceptable and inclusive way to promote work-life balance regardless of culture, income, gender or health. The event fits well with the City's commitment to encourage family and children related events. Considering that since 2008 the DuoDuo project has relied primarily on city sponsorship for the event and has come back to the council/PRC for budget on multiple occasions, request staff to study the feasibility of city LCS hosting this event annually as part of one of the larger community event already hosted by LCS with support from DuoDuo volunteers.</p>	<p>The scope requests that city staff study the feasibility of having the Library and Community Services Department assume host/organization responsibilities for the Sunnyvale Halloween Pet Parade as part of an existing (potentially larger) annual event already offered by the Library and Community Services Department. The scope also identifies maintaining staff/volunteer support from the Duo Duo Project.</p>
9/17/19	Evaluate Feasibility of	There has been an increased community	The purpose of the Feasibility Study (Study) is to provide the

Dog Off-Leash Hours in Select Sunnyvale Park(s)	<p>interest in establishing off-leash hours in a designated areas of public parks conveniently located within city limits so that residents and their well-behaved canine companions can exercise & play in a clean, safe environment. Creating a pet-friendly, well-maintained space would allow all dog lovers a place to bring their four-legged friends (who would be willing to uphold the rules and restrictions of the area, such as picking up after their dogs and maintaining up-to-date vaccinations) during hours when parks are not being used for other activities. Request staff to study the feasibility of off-leash dogs hour in select areas of select park(s) and potential impacts on other recreation uses, health, safety, environment, funding and maintenance. If necessary, create an off-leash pilot program in a select neighborhood park to understand the impacts in detail and also look into the study results from trials in neighboring cities.</p>	<p>City a guide for establishing off leash dog hours at City Parks. The Study will determine the options and opportunities for creating off leash dog park areas at select areas of select park(s) and specified times during the day. It will also consider the potential impacts on other recreational uses. Consideration will also be given to concerns such as public health and safety, the environment, capital costs as well as any increase in maintenance costs. The study should also consider creating a pilot program in a select City park to better understand the impacts in detail. In addition, similar study issues that may be available from other similar Cities should be reviewed.</p>
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9/23/19	Assessment of Needs for Additional/Expanded Outdoor Racket Sports Programs and Facilities	Recent and dramatic shifts in Sunnyvale's resident demographics, especially when considering youth, population aging and countries of origin, have been increasing the demand for certain outdoor racket sports, especially Pickleball, Tennis and Cricket. These take advantage of our favorable year-round weather while providing excellent exercise in either social or competitive play. Northern California continues to be a hot-spot of activity for Tennis in the U.S., Pickleball play is growing rapidly in many neighboring South Bay cities, and Cricket is now gaining popularity. Completion of this Study will assure that Sunnyvale is meeting current and new Resident's recreational needs and is properly planning for future growth requirements in these important recreational areas. A competitive analysis including other South Bay cities will assure that we are on the right track.	The purpose of this study is to consider current recreation trends and community needs relative to certain outdoor racket sports, especially Pickleball, Tennis and Cricket. The study would look at what neighboring cities offer in terms of programs and facilities; as well as engage the Sunnyvale community through surveys and needs assessments relative to the activities outlined above. The study should also include current facility use and demand, the long-range park capital projects plan and consider future opportunities and partnerships relative to land use and service delivery for the identified recreation needs.

*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.