



Council Ranks Cricket Stadium Proposal, Other Items for Study

AT AN ALL-DAY MEETING held February 27, Sunnyvale City Council undertook its annual ranking of proposed “study issues” for further consideration. A study issue is a topic of concern that may result in a new or revised City policy or project.

For study issues relating to the City’s Public Works department, Council debated 11 study issues, ultimately removing four from further consideration.

Of the remaining study issues, a proposal to investigate improving bicycle and pedestrian access at the Sunnyvale Caltrain station was ranked highest by Council.

The study issue ranking in third place was a proposal co-sponsored by Councilmembers Mike Goldman and Russ Melton to study roadway safety improvements at the intersection of El Camino Real and Poplar Avenue.

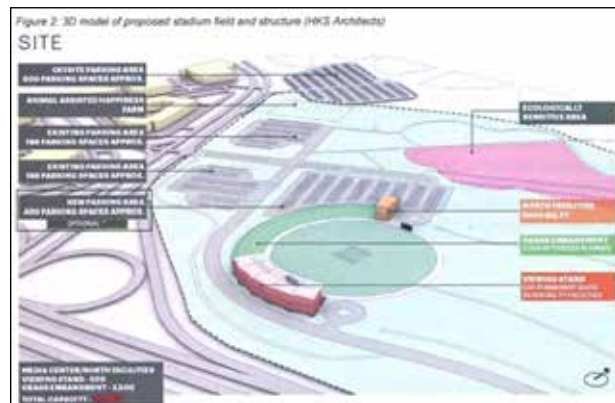
Meanwhile, the study issue ranking in second place was a proposal by Mayor Larry Klein and Councilmember Russ Melton to study the possible construction of a cricket stadium at Baylands Park.

The proposed stadium would be a public-private partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and American Cricket Enterprises, a Los Altos enterprise launching Major League Cricket in 2020.

As contemplated, the stadium would hold up to 4,000 spectators, 500 in fixed seating and another 3,500 on a grassy berm around a portion of the perimeter of the cricket pitch.

According to the study issue white paper, City staff would first investigate whether the stadium is an acceptable use under the City’s lease of Baylands Park, which is owned by Santa Clara County. Assuming a positive

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Dr. Sara Cody

226 Guns Collected at Sunnyvale Buyback Event

THE SUNNYVALE ANNUAL gun buyback was held the morning of February 29 at the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church on Fremont Avenue. By the end of the event, 226 guns had been collected and safely disposed, with each participant receiving \$100 per handgun and \$200 per assault rifle.

The purpose of the gun buyback event was to reduce the availability of unwanted, unsafe and illegal guns by providing an opportunity for the safe and anonymous disposal of firearms.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “A fantastic job by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety hosting another successful gun buyback event. I thank DPS and all the partner agencies for their efforts. Gun buybacks increase the public safety by providing a safe and convenient way to dispose of unsafe and unwanted firearms. I look forward to next year’s event.”



Fantastic to attend the February 5 ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of NASA Ames Research Center’s new Biosciences Collaborative Laboratory. The laboratory will further enable NASA’s scientific work to make human space flight safer.



With my City Council colleague Gustav Larsson, in front of the new laboratory and next to one of the original NACA markers at Moffett. NASA was established in 1958, succeeding the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

Pedestrian Signal Timing Changes at Fremont Avenue / Bobwhite Avenue-Manet Drive

THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE has modified the traffic signal operation at the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Bobwhite Avenue-Manet Drive to improve pedestrian safety. The changes involve activating a Leading Pedestrian Interval which allows pedestrians crossing at the intersection 5 to 7 seconds of walk time prior to vehicular traffic receiving the compatible green light. This allows pedestrians to get further into the intersection ahead of vehicular traffic therefore increasing visibility of

pedestrians in the intersection.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, "This intersection saw tragedy in the summer of 2017, so I truly appreciate this safety enhancement made by the Public Works department." More safety improvements are on the way, including geometric engineering changes to the intersection. Continued Melton, "Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility of all users of the roadway system and these improvements are tools the City is using to increase roadway safety."

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review of the lease, the City would undertake economic, financial and civil engineering studies along with outreach and community engagement.

The studies would take 18 months to complete at a cost of \$200 thousand, which Council directed staff to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement with American Cricket Enterprises.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, "I appreciate the leadership of Mayor Klein and the support of my Council colleagues in ranking this study so highly."

Continued Melton, "In Sunnyvale, you may

or may not be fan of cricket, but I 100% guarantee you know someone Sunnyvale who's a huge fan. While the notion of a 'stadium' may evoke images of giants like Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, this proposal is for a lightweight, environmentally sensitive arena for 4,000. With so many international fans, a cricket stadium at Baylands Park could put Sunnyvale on the map."

The next step comes on March 31 when the City Manager provides a report to Council documenting Staff's workload capacity to move forward over the next year on the ranked study issues.

It was my pleasure on February 22 to present the 2020 Murphy Award for Outstanding Community Contribution to Julie Eades, Executive Director of Cake4Kids.

The incredible volunteers at Cake4Kids bake and deliver birthday cakes for underserved children. The cakes, which are all baked at home, are custom made, down to the color, the name, the flavor, and a theme.

Cake4Kids works with over 57 social service agencies throughout California and across the nation to provide cakes to foster children, and as well to low income, homeless, refugees, domestic violence groups, and human trafficking agencies. The goal is to raise a child's self-esteem and confidence, and to let them know that someone cares for them and loves them.

In 2019, the Cake4Kids volunteers baked 1,411 cakes and have delivered over 20,000 since founding in 2010. An incredible story that started right here in Sunnyvale. Thank you Julie for your amazing leadership, and to all the wonderful volunteers at Cake4Kids!






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GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- Sunnyvale City Councilmember, 2017-Present
- Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, 2019
- Sunnyvale Planning Commissioner, 2012-2017; Commission Chair, 2014-2016

EDUCATION

- Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Santa Clara University
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Business Administration, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive Vice President / Chief Operations Officer, National 1st Credit Union, 2009-2011
- Senior Finance Manager, National Semiconductor Corporation, 1995-2009
- Honorably Discharged from United States Navy

PERSONAL

- Sunnyvale resident since 2000
- Native Bay Area resident
- Married; two children in Sunnyvale public schools

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