



City Selects Locations for Airplane Noise Monitoring Stations

UNDER A CONTRACT with Casper Airport Solutions Inc., the City of Sunnyvale has determined the locations for four airplane noise monitoring stations to be installed in late September. The stations will be installed at Ortega Park, the Community Center, Washington Park and a one-tenth acre parcel owned by the City on Dona Avenue.

The four sites were tested in June to ensure the background noise level at each site would allow for consistent and reliable capture of aircraft noise events and activity from San Jose, Moffett Field, Palo Alto and San Carlos airports. Additionally, each of the four sites is consistent with solar power.

Along with the four selected sites, three other sites were tested in June and not selected: Panama Park, Las Palmas Park and the City's Losse Well site on Jamestown Drive. The three sites were not selected due to issues such as non-availability of solar power and unexpectedly high levels of ambient noise.

In December 2019, Sunnyvale Council approved a \$259,000 contract with Casper for the installation of four airplane noise monitoring terminals. The purpose of the terminals is first to establish a historic baseline of actual airplane noise over Sunnyvale, so as to then compare and measure any impacts resulting from FAA changes to flight path operations. The contract also calls for the implementation of a website dubbed "Casper Noise Lab" to be used for public flight tracking and community engagement. The website is expected to go live in mid-December.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ

Melton, "This is a good investment of a quarter-million taxpayer dollars. It's time to get scientific about measuring airplane noise in Sunnyvale. That way we can measure, with data, whether noise is getting better or worse through our advocacy efforts with the FAA and any changes they make to flight path operations."

Residents can learn more at [sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/noise/default.htm](https://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/news/topics/noise/default.htm).

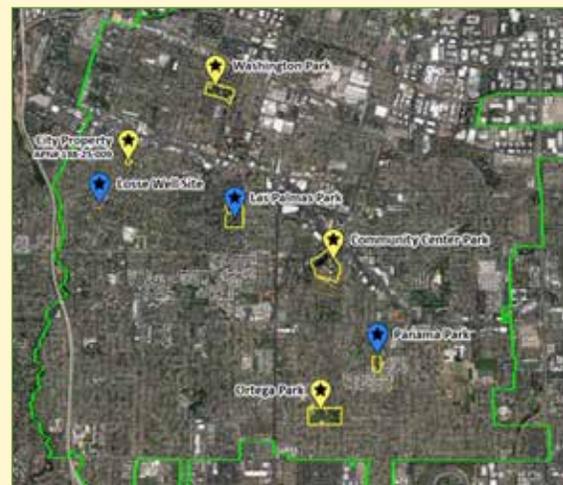
Airplane Noise Monitoring Station Locations

Ortega Park
(636 Harrow Way)

City Property
(on Dona Ave.)

Community Center Park
(550 E Remington Dr.)

Washington Park
(840 W Washington Dr.)



Location of the four airplane noise monitoring stations (yellow) and the three non-selected sites (blue)

City Grants \$150,000 to Non-Profits

THE SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL on July 28 approved grants totalling \$150,000 to several non-profit organizations operating in the City. The grant program, dubbed “Sunnyvale Cares” was a one-time program created to support applicant non-profits in light of the COVID-19 emergency. Funding for the grants was provided from the City’s General Fund.

The recipients of the two largest grants of \$21,000 each, were the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The Chamber of Commerce, which applied for the maximum allocation of \$30,000, said the funds would be used to “pivot” in light of the COVID-19 emergency and “focus on improved and expanded services for Sunnyvale businesses.” The St. Vincent de Paul Society similarly applied for the maximum amount and said the funding would provide rental assistance, utility payments and other financial help to residents facing financial hardship during the emergency.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “It’s great that Sunnyvale could provide this funding to so many non-profits in our City who do so much for

Organizations Awarded Sunnyvale Cares Funding

Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)	\$21,000
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce	\$21,000
Maker Nexus	\$16,000
Our Daily Bread	\$13,500
Bay Area Furniture Bank (BAFB)	\$11,000
Sunnyvale Downtown Association	\$11,000
Self Help for the Elderly	\$11,000
Sunnyvale Education Foundation (SEF)	\$11,000
Downtown Streets Team	\$10,000
Historical Society and Museum Assoc.	\$6,000
Fremont Union High Schools Foundation	\$5,000
The Lace Museum	\$5,000
Sunnyvale Community Players	\$5,000
Sustainable Community Gardens/ Charles Street Gardens	\$2,500
Notelove	\$1,000

our community. I wish we could have approved all the applications for their requested amounts, but the fact is the need is tremendous while our budget was limited.”

City Seeks Feedback on Draft “Reach” Codes

SUNNYVALE is moving closer to establishing Reach Codes. A reach code is a local building energy code that “reaches” beyond the state minimum requirements for energy use in building design and construction. Reach codes lead the way to cleaner air, climate solutions and renewable energy. Reach codes reduce greenhouse gas emissions by promoting electric energy use over natural gas energy use. Some communities are taking aggressive steps

to minimize new gas energy hookups through reach codes.

Learn more by watching two short videos on Sunnyvale’s Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/cityofsunnyvale. Then, provide feedback through two online surveys, open until August 10, at www.opentownhall.com/portals/209/forum_home?phase=open.

The City Council is scheduled to discuss and vote on the Reach codes on October 27.

City to Consider Housing at Wolfe Road Wendy's Site

ON SEPTEMBER 15, the Sunnyvale City Council is scheduled to hear a request from development company 4Terra Investments to study changing the General Plan designation of the two parcels located at 1313 S. Wolfe Road, from Commercial to Medium Density Residential. The parcels, located on the west side of Wolfe Road near Fremont Avenue, are currently a Wendy's fast-food restaurant and an adjacent vacant lot.

The General Plan is Sunnyvale's long-term blueprint for the community's vision of future growth. The specific land-use designations in the City's Zoning Code must match the broader land-uses specified in the General Plan. The General Plan designation of Medium Density Residential is generally thought of as corresponding to a Zoning Code

designation of R-3, which allows for up to 24 dwelling units per acre. The Wolfe site, at 1.2 acres, could accordingly hold as many as 28 dwelling units if an R-3 designation were eventually approved.

The action before Council on September 15 is whether to commence a study to change the General Plan designation. Such studies look at the potential impacts of the proposed change on traffic, schools, public safety and other community services, and often take a year or longer to be completed. Upon completion of the study, Council would then decide whether to change the General Plan and Zoning Code. Only at that point would an application to build housing at the location be considered.

Residents can contact the Sunnyvale City Council at council@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Fresh Lane Striping on Wolfe Road; PG&E Update

In late July, lane markings on Wolfe Road between Homestead Road and El Camino Real received a fresh coat of paint, courtesy of the Sunnyvale Public Works department. Meanwhile, it was reported that PG&E continues work on designing their project to "underground" utility lines along Wolfe. The long-awaited project has been delayed by a small number of property owners along Wolfe not granting easements to PG&E for the undergrounding project. According to Sunnyvale Public Works, the design is expected to be completed by the end of 2020 and then go to construction shortly after that.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, "I really appreciate Public Works putting down some fresh lane markings after their efforts to aggressively patch the rough spots that had developed along the roadway. PG&E is a valued infrastructure partner and I hope their undergrounding project, along with any underground gas main upgrades, can be completed during the next 12 months. Then, Sunnyvale can at last get to our project to completely rehabilitate the road surface."



Fresh lane markings show on northbound Wolfe Road near Dartshire Way.

"On July 30, I went to City Hall and turned-in my nomination papers to officially run for re-election to Sunnyvale City Council, representing District 4. Thank you to all the awesome residents of D4 for your support, it is an honor and privilege to represent you on Council! To learn more about my re-election campaign, please visit

www.meltonforcouncil.com"





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B I O G R A P H Y

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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Police & Fire 408-730-7100

Abandoned Cars 408-730-7706

Graffiti/
Shopping Carts 408-730-7680

Job Center (NOVA) 408-730-7232

Sewer/
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Street Lights/
Sidewalks..... 408-730-7415

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