



Crossing Guards Added at ECR/Poplar, ECR/Henderson

ON JANUARY 7, the Sunnyvale City Council voted unanimously to add school crossing guards at the intersections of El Camino Real and Poplar Avenue, and El Camino Real and Henderson Avenue. The fiscal impact through June 30, 2020 is \$24 thousand, with \$12 thousand being reimbursed to Sunnyvale from the Santa Clara Unified School District. Over the 20 years of the City's budget, the expected impact of adding crossing guards to these two intersections is approximately \$1.2 million, or \$60 thousand per year.

"This is a huge safety improvement at these intersections for Sunnyvale school children," said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton. "I'm proud to have made the motion at the Council meeting to get this funding in place, and am grateful there was unanimous approval.



Sunnyvale crossing guard and Public Safety Officer, 2013. *Photo: City of Sunnyvale*

I know there was a real sense of urgency in the community, and that we got this in place in only two months is really quick for a municipal government," continued Melton, referring to the October 28 collision at the intersection of El Camino and Poplar in which four middle school students were injured. "I appreciate the contribution from Santa Clara Unified to get this across the finish line and I look forward to working with Councilmember [Mike] Goldman to come up with a Study Issue that will explore even more safety improvements here."

It was great to meet Iain Higgins, President of USA Cricket, on December 14 at the Northern California Cricket Association annual banquet and award ceremony. Iain has the right strategic vision to lead USA Cricket to new heights!



Vehicle Break-In Suspects Arrested

ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety received reports of 43 vehicle break-ins which occurred at numerous locations throughout the City.

Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers worked closely with the victims and were able to track the suspects to the City of Oakland.

Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers worked with the Oakland Police Department and took two suspects into custody. The suspects were in possession of numerous stolen property taken in Sunnyvale and other jurisdictions.

Said Sunnyvale Councilmember Russ Melton, “43 smash-and-grabs in two hours is shocking, but I’m really happy that our

affected residents and DPS were able to work together so officers could bring the suspects to justice and get back stolen property. It’s this sense of community and working together that keeps Sunnyvale one of the safest cities in America.”



Stolen property recovered

Photos courtesy Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety

Sunnyvale Historical Museum Requests City Pay for Environmental Study

THE SUNNYVALE Historical Society and Museum Association (SHSMA) has requested that the City of Sunnyvale pay for the environmental study associated with its plan to expand the Historical Museum.

On July 16, 2019, Sunnyvale City Council directed City Staff to develop modifications to the Orchard Heritage Park Master Plan that would be a first step in the Museum expansion. As part of the motion that evening, Council also stipulated that all costs for environmental analysis, estimated to be in a range of \$25 thousand to \$60 thousand, would be fully funded by the SHSMA.

In response to a question from Sunny-

vale Councilmember Russ Melton on January 6, Sunnyvale City Manager Kent Steffens stated that, after the July Council meeting, Staff had obtained quotes from several consultants to complete the necessary CEQA [environmental] analysis. Said Steffens: “When the consultant information was presented to the SHSMA, for them to help select a consultant and provide a deposit for the work, they indicated that they were not willing to pay for the work. SHSMA said they felt that a CEQA analysis was not necessary and any CEQA analysis would need to be funded by the City. Therefore, the request from SHSMA for the City to fund the CEQA analysis is being presented to Council.”

Council is expected to hear the SHSMA request on February 4.

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Pedestrian Fatality at ECR/Helen

On January 7 at approximately 6:18 a.m., officers from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety responded to the intersection of El Camino Real and Helen Avenue after receiving reports of a vehicle collision involving a pedestrian.

Upon arrival, officers discovered an injured adult male lying on the roadway. The patient was provided with emergency medical care and transported to a local hospital. Despite efforts by first responders to save the patient, he succumbed to the injuries.

The case is still under investigation. The driver of the vehicle which struck the patient, remained at the scene and has been cooperative with investigators. At this time, it is not believed drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Sunnyvale Accepts Grant Funding for Safety Improvements

At its meeting on January 7, Sunnyvale

City Council voted unanimously to accept a grant of \$173 thousand to fund bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Manet Drive/Bobwhite Avenue. The funding, provided by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, will be used to install an ADA-compliant curb extension on the northwest curb of the intersection, install high-visibility crosswalks, install an Accessible Pedestrian System, and replace the current 8-inch traffic signal heads with 12-inch traffic signal heads.

Survey to Improve Plaza Del Sol

The City of Sunnyvale seeks resident input to guide improvements to Plaza del Sol. Plaza del Sol was originally built in 2004 and is now ready for Phase 2 improvements to better support the needs of Sunnyvale's Downtown. The 5-10 minute survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/S7Y9586

Fantastic ribbon-cutting ceremony January 11 at the refurbished McDonalds on Lawrence Expressway in Sunnyvale. Fun to get a tour behind the scenes and crack and egg. Thank you McDonald's for investing in this excellent corporate-owned facility! With my colleague, Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein.






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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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Street Lights/
Sidewalks 408-730-7415

Street Trees/Parks 408-730-7506

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