

Sunnyvale Neighborhood Association Meeting, May 19th, 2014

We had a great and very informative meeting this week. Please see highlights below!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5. If your neighborhood is organizing a National Night Out activity, please contact Dori Fontaine at (408) 730-7199 or dfontaine@sunnyvale.ca.gov to arrange for Public Safety and City Councilmembers to visit with your residents.

FYI from Fred Fowler: If you contact Goodwill- you can get a trailer (30' long) brought to your neighborhood. If you can fill up the entire trailer you will get \$1500!!! They need donations.

7pm- Welcome and Introductions

7:10pm Introduction of Deputy Chief Dave Pitts

Patrol Division- Deputy Chief Dave Pitts is the new Deputy Chief. If you'd like public safety to come talk to your association about crime trends, etc. his group will come out.

Here is a hyperlink to request speakers [Speaker Requests](#) on the crime prevention site at: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicSafety/DPSDivisions/BureauofSpecialOperations/CrimePreventionUnit.aspx>. Please be specific as to what information you're looking for so they can prepare data. Answer to question: There has been an increase in residential burglaries across the country due to non-violent prisoners being released. Residential burglaries tend to be cyclical. Community members calling in really helps them catch burglars.

Point of clarification— if you are in Sunnyvale and you call 911 on your cell phone it will now go to Sunnyvale DPS and not be re-routed as it was a few years ago.

Sign up for updates from Sunnyvale DPS on [Nixle.com](#) — sign up by zip code.

It is an excellent resource for crime reports in Sunnyvale --Sign up at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>. You can also sign up for text alerts.

7:20-7:40 Grand Boulevard Initiative, Jim Davis

This project represents 19 cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties from San Jose to Daly City— El Camino Real Corridor

Jim Davis is the representative for Sunnyvale. Initiative formed in 2006 with the idea of cooperation between different agencies. Counties, CalTrans, local and regional agencies,

business, labor and environmentalists unite to improve the performance, safety and aesthetics of State Route 82. El Camino Real started as a simple trail and it is now our most important single street and hasn't had the benefit of a planning process with all stakeholders.

— 10 guiding goals were created in 2006: mixed use, more jobs, nicer streetscape, multi-modular corridor (bicycles, buses, etc), managing parking, vibrant public space-walkable, trees, etc., accentuate characteristics of each city, improve safety, strengthen pedestrian and bicycle use, environmental sustainability

Where does the funding come from? It's a 501C(3)- \$8.7 million in grant funding, \$2.4 million in local matching funds

Now: high collision rates, high traffic volume, lacks a sense of "place", most use personal cars, poor pedestrian and bike experience. 236k people live within 1/2 mile of El Camino Real. Not enough homes for the number of jobs.

- 10 Caltrain stations within 1/4 mile
- 5 Bart stations within 1/4 mile
- Samtrans and VTA bus service

Two reports have been created: 2006, 2010... this is phase 1

Some of what has been done:

- PAMF building project located at the old dodge dealership
- commercial development
- Las Palmas courtyard Marriott by Hollenbeck

Phase 2 NOW- development of projects

PDF of the report is available at www.grandboulevard.net

ABAG, who gives us grant money, says we need to build houses where the jobs are (here). We will continue to see more growth. Each city has an objective. Sunnyvale's objective is 1,200 housing units a year (all high-density).

7:40-8:00 **Lawrence Expressway Project, Dawn Cameron**
County Transportation Planner with the County of Santa Clara
Expressways in our county are run by the counties not the cities

Lawrence Expressway— Area of Lawrence where Santa Clara and Sunnyvale overlap
— most heavily traveled county expressway

— highly congested, stop and go— esp during commute hours — operating at level of service “F” (bad- red)

— about a year ago, city of sunnyvale, santa clara and county did a study to look at what they can do to improve service ... we need more than surface area to improve this situation.

— 16 "level F" intersections throughout the county— Lawrence Reed/Lawrence Kifer are the two top worse, and Lawrence/Arques is 5th.

Having public meetings- looking at current/future conditions. People want Lawrence moving again, and they'd like to be able to cross more easily.

3 alternatives were brought to the local community—with pros and cons of each.

Developed proposed concept and brought it back to the community (over 70 people).

Didn't go for the easiest or cheapest alternative.

— Lawrence will go DOWN, under caltrain, etc. Will put more medians so it will make lights less crowded and throughput for bicycles, pedestrians.

ALL WOULD BE REDESIGNED AND REBUILT

Benefits (looking at 2040 traffic conditions) :

- will eliminate over 1.4 million annual hours of vehicle delays
- reduce fuel consumption by 1.2 million gallons per year
- improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort by eliminating conflict points and intersections
- level C service instead of level F service

Will cost \$400-\$440 million dollars, 3-5 years to construct

requires some right of way (landscaping, some homes)

will require environmental impact report

can be done in pieces

Still needs one more meeting with City Council of Santa Clara and Sunnyvale

Info: <http://LawrenceExpressway.countyroads.org>

Expressway Plan 2040

8 expressways locally and with the projected growth- many will be Level F service (worst: Lawrence, Central and San Tomas/Montague)

Here is information on "Expressway Plan 2040" www.expressways.info - you can sign up for project updates!

8:00-8:20 **Effects of the drought on Sunnyvale, Mansour Nasser, Water & Sewer Systems Division Manager for the City of Sunnyvale**

33 years in the water business- was with San Jose before Sunnyvale

Going to Council on June 10th to ask for a drought emergency- this is to recognize that as a city we have a drought and we are declaring an emergency. Would also like to change watering hours in the city ordinance (after 6pm in the evening and before 9am in the morning) and specify that each sprinkler station not run more than 15 minutes.

Water Supply Situation in Sunnyvale

30% local water

55% imported water from delta, Hetch Hetchy

5% recycled water

10% water conservation

Hetch Hetchy System— provides water to 2.4 million people in bay area

Sunnyvale receives approx 9 million/day and we have a guarantee of 12.58 gallons per day

Hetch Hetchy represents 50% of total sunnyvale's water supply

16% of water countywide

2013 was the driest year on record, 2014 not enough rain

We need 379,200 acre feet (3 = 1 million gallons)

we are behind.

We have wells we can use and we've started doing that.

Our population is going straight up- but water usage has gone down because of building codes, canneries have left town, people are conserving- habits have changes. in 1985- 241gallons per person... in 2013 is 133 gallons per individual.

Governor called water emergency in January and asked for 20% reduction. In February we are down 16% March down 14%, April down 20% in Sunnyvale after drought conditions have been called.

There are lots of water conservation programs— residential, landscape, commercial, industrial, agricultural, outreach/education

— if people let them know about leaking water, etc.- they will send a specific letter to that household to let them know

Any utility complaints which include leaking water can be reported to: 408- 730-7900

If you want a water wise house audit- for free, call 408-630-2554

Rebates Available: up to \$2 per square foot to replace your lawn

Next step if drought continues would be an allocation per household... not there yet.

Respectfully Submitted by Reid Myers, May 19, 2014