

Hi Neighborhood Leaders,
Here are the notes from the May 14, 2016 meeting. Thank you all for a great turnout!

Point to note- this was Nathan Truitt's last meeting. We need to do something to thank him for his GREAT service of so many years- so we will do so at the next meeting! (It didn't occur to me this time!). He said he will come back for a "curtain call". I will think of something to do. **I would love to collect your positive comments and appreciative thoughts about his work- so if you can send me this- I will compile them for him!** Tell me what you like/appreciate about Nathan and your name and neighborhood association.

We welcome Alisha Rodrigues to our team as she will be our new city coordinator!

Thanks!
Reid & Wayne

Sunnyvale Neighborhood Leader Association Meeting May 16th, 2016

Kent Steffens, Asst. City Manager - Civic Center Project

We own almost 25 acres at the civic center, looking at ways to renovate and make more open space, etc.

- Community Outreach for almost a year
- City Commissioners worked on many different ideas... site planning: parking ideas, building placement, access, etc.
- Architectural teams worked with ideas from workshops and did "rapid prototypes" - there are 7 prototypes (A-G) with variances in location of buildings, ways to add on, location of parking- some underground, garden, open space, building new buildings instead of renovations, letting developers develop some of the space, etc.
- Pricing goes up as open space grows with added underground parking
- Right now- only 17% is buildings... a lot of green space but very disjointed— about 10 acres of open space
- Many of the plans keep cars out but allow bike/pedestrian access inside the complex
- December: City Council determined that we're not going to sell or lease any property to help pay for this project
- Estimated range of cost for each item... from lowest about \$203 million to the highest at about \$320 million
- Financing alternatives: current city assets and revenues (varies based on council direction) plus new bond revenue (depends on ask and council) equals total civic center costs

City Assets: existing revenues, land, use of current reserves, other— park dedication fees, enterprise funds, etc. We could maybe get around \$116 Million. May need to phase project, etc.

Questions:

- Comment: moving the garden is not simple... over 90 spots so it would be very challenging to move (seconded by another person who helped to build the garden!)
- How did you determine project costs? Ans: They were estimated and include future cost as well but not technology, etc.
- Olive is closed in many of these prototypes- will that work with Public Safety? Ans: Public Safety is involved in this process and they need to make sure there are good exit routes. They will be involved as we narrow down the specifics.

More info at: <http://www.civiccenter.insunnyvale.com/>

if you want to join the email list: myciviccenter@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Contact Kent with questions— ksteffens@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7441

Bailey Hall- Energize Sunnyvale Campaign

We are part of the Georgetown University Energy Prize...a 50 city competition of who can reduce the most energy. 2 year project and the prize is \$5,000,000.

We are about 75% through- goes to the end of 2017. We are in 16th place of 50. If we make top 10 we can be a finalist!

Reached 800 residents through tabling, presentations, neighborhood presentations, schools, etc.

Do it yourself energy kits are available and include some free items including bulbs, aerators, much more! You can check them out at the library, the environmental office at 505 W. Olive, and the Columbia Neighborhood Center. Given out 255 kits in last 5 months.

Download the app at <http://igreensv.joulebug.com/>

Energy Events Upcoming:

Watt is Energy Efficiency

June 1st 1pm, Sunnyvale Senior Center

OSH Energy Workshop

June 18th 10am-12noon Osh on Sunnyvale Saratoga (presentations at the top of the hour)

iGreen Sunnyvale- custom Sunnyvale app that helps you track and increase your sustainable actions. You can see your impact and the impact of Sunnyvale as a whole.

Past challenges!

Save a Watt— residents saved 6,000 pounds of carbon and 4,000 gallons of water

211 Students saved 21,000 pounds of carbon- Columbia Middle School won!

Would you like a Neighborhood Association Challenge? Could use the iGreen app for a week to 10 days.

Idea: whichever neighborhood added the most new users (per capita!)

— people seemed responsive

Contact Bailey Hall- Environmental Programs Fellow at bhall@sunnyvale.ca.gov

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James Tuleya- Volunteer and formerly worked on energy efficiency programs at PG&E

Silicon Valley Clean Energy -- the new locally-controlled, public, non-profit electricity provider for the region
CCE = Community Choice Energy (Community Choice Aggregator is another name sometimes used for this type of entity)

We have about a year before Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) starts providing cleaner, greener energy to customers in Sunnyvale, while the new agency ramps up its operations. Meanwhile, SVCE is starting to get the word out to residents and businesses, so everyone can be informed about the new choice they have in energy providers.

— We can get volunteers to come tell your neighborhoods more about this new option for energy. See contact info below.

video at www.vimeo.com/143071362 - tells you a lot about this program. And more info is at www.svcleanenergy.org. SVCE was established by the City of Sunnyvale and 11 other communities in the region to increase the ration of renewable energy from PG&E's 27% (as of 2014), at competitive rates. Establishing this CCE is the Nr. 1 impact action on Sunnyvale's Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, since electricity use creates about 1/3 of our region's GHG emissions. Through SVCE, we will pool the electricity demand from our local homes and businesses to buy electricity from renewable sources such as solar, wind and biomass. It's similar to buying in bulk or participating in a co-op. PG&E will continue to deliver the electricity over their power lines, maintain the lines, send bills and provide customer service.

SVCE increases choice and competition through a local, transparent non-profit public agency that works directly with us and our community. SVCE will be completely funded by program revenue, not by taxes or by city or county general funds. Councilmember Jim Griffith is on the SVCE Board of Directors and Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius is the alternate board member. There are elected officials from all over the county on the board, so it will be transparent and directly accountable to the local community.

Services are expected to start next April, and customer enrollments will be phased in over the subsequent months after that. SVCE expects to offer two service options - one to include about 50% renewable energy, and one that would be 100% renewable energy for a small premium. Per the CA state law that enables CCEs like SVCE to form, customers will be automatically enrolled in SVCE; the transition will be seamless: all customers will continue to receive the same electric service and service reliability as before, without interruption. Those who prefer to have PG&E continue to buy their electricity can choose that option. Customers will receive at least four notices with information on how to opt-out of SVCE, starting in the winter of 2016-2017. Customers can choose to opt back in to the SVCE program after a minimum twelve-month waiting period.

Partner communities include Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Mountain View, (unincorporated) Santa Clara County plus 8 other cities in the county. San Jose is considering their own CCE, and Palo Alto and Santa Clara have municipal utilities, already providing their own local power. Sunnyvale has been a leader in this project.

Q: How is PG&E doing with this change? Ans: PG&E isn't thrilled with this and continues to challenge CCEs in state regulatory and legislative affairs, but PG&E is now working with the CCE providers for what is needed to serve customers. PG&E is increasing its clean energy options, so this competition CCEs will continue to encourage them do more, faster.

Q: Who sets rates and who oversees the process? Ans: SVCE's new CEO, with help from consultants, will develop proposals and the SVCE Board of Directors will make the final decisions and set the rates- they are elected officials from 12 local communities.

Q: How do you define competitive rate? Ans: "Competive" means rates less than or close to PG&E's rates. The SVCE technical feasibility study looked at the tradeoffs of more renewable energy vs cost, using three scenarios -- saving a lot, saving a little and no real savings, with corresponding increases in the amount of renewable energy to be used. For SVCE's operational launch next April, SVCE's CEO and Board of Directors will continue to consider what rate structure offers the best balance of costs vs. percentage of renewable energy, with this decision still to be determined in a few months through a transparent public process with local community input.

If you'd like someone to come talk to your neighborhood about this project- James can come or he can find someone to come give information.

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Manuel Pineda, Director of Public Works for City of Sunnyvale

Mary Avenue Extension

Been in the city plans for over 30 years. Would span over 101 and 237 and land on 11th avenue on the Moffett area.

Project is expected to be a 4-lane roadway but there are other options. April 5th- Council released request for proposals for an environmental impact report so they hope to fully clear the different options. Will also examine a 2 lane Mary avenue, bicycle and pedestrian only, and the option of taking the project totally out of the plan.

Where we are now: Released the RFP this past Wednesday. Will have a consultant on board late this year. Then- the document will take about 18-24 months and will involve the community, etc. Then the document will go to the council to determine the alternative.

Q: This will go over 101 and 237? Ans: Yes

Comment: If a large vehicle stalls in the middle of the bridge if it is only 2 lanes- this could be a problem we didn't consider!

Q: Will Mary be two lanes everywhere else? Ans: No, it will remain 4 lanes closer to Evelyn

Q: Where is funding coming from? Ans: Combination of sources, traffic impact fee, state or local or federal money

Q: How long would this bridge be? Ans: About a half mile

Contact: Mpineda@sunnyvale.ca.gov

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cecil Dobbs from Ortega Park is looking for SNAP Volunteers to both run the program and participate in the program. If you're interested, contact Cecil at: cecil@folkart.com

Nathan Truitt: Deadline for Neighborhood Grant Program: This Friday, May 20th—The grants are for community building projects or events. Council grant Subcommittee will review and recommend to council on June 28th. The application and more information

at: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/IntheCommunity/NeighborhoodAssociations.aspx>

Alisha Rodrigues SAVE THE DATE: Saturday JULY 9th from 10am-3pm will be the State of the City. Community Awards due Friday May 27th. You can nominate people and get info on the city website. More information at: <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/CityGovernment/CityCouncil/StateoftheCity/CommunityAwards.aspx>

Tammy Harvey from Age Friendly Sunnyvale. New website will tell you progress of local cities. <http://www.agefriendlysiliconvalley.org/> Please take survey so Sunnyvale can be included!

Delphine Hill:

Happy Hollow will have two free "senior days" on June 23 and September 22. Delfine's Harmonikatz Band is playing for entertainment from 9:00am - 10:00am if you'd like to go support her and get into Happy Hollow for free!

Adjourned at 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by Reid Myers