

Report on Meeting Sep 12 2016

A little late, but here it is:

(This will be moved to meeting reports heading shortly.)

7:00 Welcome & Introductions Reid Myers Neighborhood Asso Rep
Attendees: Delphine Ng, Braly Corners, Michelle Hornberger, Cherry Chase, Wayne Amacher, Cherryhill, Reid Myers, Cumberland South, Sara Grassman, Cumberland West, Sue Muller, Orchard Gardens, Chris Munson, SNAIL, Luis and Herminia Angulo, San Miguel, Tim Oey, Sunnyvale Café, Tammy Henry and Peter C. - Sunnyvale West, Leah Brunnings, Washington Park NA

7:05 City Manager Update Deanna Santana City Manager, City of Sunnyvale The City of Sunnyvale is currently looking for a new Director of Public Safety. There was live input from the community and also an online forum. We received over 100 people responding. Please encourage your neighborhoods to go online to give input on what they view is important for the Director of Public Safety. The survey will remain open until at least early November. The direct link to the survey is <http://www.peakdemocracy.com/3948/>. There are 4 questions. More information can be found at <http://www.opencityhall.insunnyvale.com>. The input from these surveys will help determine which of the 62 candidates will move forward. Timeline: We will select 6-8 candidates the first week of Oct, formal interviews mid Oct. Decision in November and the candidate will start in January.

7:10 Library and Community Services Introductions & Update Daniel Wax, Superintendent, Department of Library and Community Services Here to let us know some of the services and programs that Library and Community Services offers. There are opportunities for most ages and interest levels. Check out the Activity Guide for offerings from September - December (<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityServices/Class esandActivities.aspx>) Some of the Community Services Managers also joined to share a little about what they do:

1. Nancy Grove, Community Services Manager - Sports, Aquatics and

Facilities. - Have a variety of programs from 18 months to adults ranging from swim classes to gymnastics to karate to soccer.

2. Angela Chan, Youth and Family Resources Manager, Columbia Neighborhood Center - All programs and services at Columbia Neighborhood Center and professional development for childcare developments.

3. Ellen Giarrizo, Library Circulation Manager - From the Sunnyvale Library. Many programs benefit the community. Scholarships for 10 students to get their diploma online. Sunnyvalelibrary.org Many online resources at the library- please contact them to work together.

4. Gerard Manuel, Community Services Manger - Special Populations (Senior Center) - Engage our community to help them age well and age healthy. Many drop in programs, fitness center, computer lab, etc. Care management available as well. Open to Residents and non residents 50 years and over. They also host international trips around the world! Senior Center has a membership system but it's not required and you can still participate.

7:20 Airplane Noise Update Jim Griffith City of Sunnyvale Council member There has been an increase in airplane noise and an increase of awareness of airplane noise. In 2012 the FAA introduced a new technology for air traffic control called NextGen which allows planes to fly closer to each other and take more direct routes without sacrificing safety. This changed the flight paths. Many flights were shifted over Palo Alto and Menlo Park. People started calling Congress people Anna Eshoo and Sam Farr to say it was unbearable. They put together a citizen committee which didn't include Sunnyvale (mostly because nothing had changed in Sunnyvale and Mike Honda didn't get any complaints). There were people from Saratoga and Los Altos Hills but not from Sunnyvale because the reps had to be in Congresswoman Eshoo's district.

This committee is gathering public input on options. A couple of Palo Alto centric citizen groups have been advocating for moving traffic over Sunnyvale. Mayor Hendricks and Councilman Griffith told them that moving the air traffic over Sunnyvale isn't a solution and the FAA

and Anna Eshoo are in agreement that moving the planes over other cities isn't a solution.

The FAA is worried we will ask them to stop using NextGen and they would have less flights. Supervisor Joe Simitian is also involved and he represents Palo Alto and parts of Sunnyvale. The FAA defends NextGen as "best practice" for air traffic control and is seeking noise improvements that still preserve NextGen. In addition, Surf Air was causing a lot of noise in San Carlos. They solved this issue by re-routing Surf Air for 6 months so they spend "more time over the water and less time over land" which means they fly over Sunnyvale. We then got Congressman Honda involved as well as other legislators who all wrote letters against this process of moving traffic from city A to city B. They called a huge meeting of stakeholders including Surf Air. The conversation continues to be ongoing. The success of the 6 month trail is based on how many complaints the FAA gets.

There is a website with a lot of information: <http://airplanenoise.insunnyvale.com>. Next meeting on Wednesday night in Redwood City (listed on this site). Showing up at this meeting would be great. Q. What is the response from the San Jose airport? Ans. San Jose typically approaches from the south and lands in the north. This gets reversed based on the weather (wind, specifically), but it does seem like they are reversing it 10-15% of the time.

— There also seems to be an uptick of flights at Moffett and they are authorized to do 25,000 cycles (take offs/landings) per year. Traditionally been about 16,000. They could increase this but it doesn't seem like this will be happening.

Q. Which Elected Officials should we reach out to? Ans. Go to the website- it has all the contacts. There are different airplane noise complaint lines so we need to call individual complaint lines. — you can use Flight Aware to see which airport the plane is from. Surf Air is blue and white. Be sure Congressman Honda is aware we are concerned. Board of Supervisors in San Mateo county is another good option for Surf Air issues. Telling the FAA is also good.

Q. What are some of the solutions for the airplane noise if they aren't going over Sunnyvale? Ans. For Surf Air— they said they need to

change the route or don't- they don't have options to fly the planes at different heights, etc. For other airlines a solution is to fly the planes higher and bring them in lower later. There are some noise making parts of planes that the FAA could require to be more quiet.

Q. Are we collecting metrics on the number of flights and noise levels?

Ans. We are trying to- and San Mateo County offered to help do this at least for Surf Air. The FAA has noise collections stations around Santa Clara County but none in Sunnyvale.

Q. Aren't there some limitations on times of flights? Ans. Military will do what they need to do. The others do have limitations with different timelines for different types of planes to keep noise into consideration.

Q. When does the 6 months "trial" end for Surf Air? Ans. Started July 5th.

7:50 Japanese Exchange/Sister City Jay Yamanaga Director of Community Outreach, Sunnyvale Sister City Association All volunteer organization started in 2013. Runs programs between Sunnyvale and Iizuka Japan. A student exchange, adult exchange, and robotics/programming classes. Students come to Sunnyvale and stay with host families, and Sunnyvale sends students to Japan to stay with a host family. This year they started an adult exchange where professionals stay in Iizuka and they come to Sunnyvale. Iizuka City- 128,000, 4 HS, 12 Jr. Highs of which they do the exchange. They picked Iizuka because they had 20 students ready to go, and they are growing their IT sector and it's been designated as an IT hub. The city of Iizuka gifted Sunnyvale many cherry trees. In June Sunnyvale upgraded the relationship from Friendship to Sister City. This is the first one for Sunnyvale! Currently recruiting for 2017 student exchange. Information Session: Sept 19th at 7pm Murphy Park Sunnyvale and Sept 30th 7pm at the Columbia Middle School Faculty Lounge. Application deadline is October 7th.

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8:05 Sunnyvale Ballot Proposition Overview Elaine Manley President, League of Women Voters Cupertino and Sunnyvale The league provides education (what are you voting on— pros and cons) and

through a separate corporation does advocacy. They take at least 2 years to take a position as they study public policy. In Sunnyvale they are taking no positions on measures. Started when women could vote and taught women about the vote and worked to pass legislation to help families. Membership is open to men as well and we have many male members. League will never support a candidate or a political party. There are three Sunnyvale Measures and there will be a big presentation on October 5th 7pm at the Sunnyvale Library which will include Sunnyvale and Santa Clara measures.

Measure M

Amends the Sunnyvale Municipal code by requiring a yes or no vote on any of the city's sale, leases, swaps or transfers having to do with parks or lands. City Hall, libraries, swimming pools, gardens, golf courses, etc. are included. Typically these decisions are made by city council. According to a study by City Council— it could cost \$80k to put the first measure on a ballot and around \$700,000 if it requires a special election. Some items are unclear and may need to be covered in court. The study results are posted on the City website and estimate about 31-46 agreements in effect now would have required a vote. Proponents of Measure M don't believe that there would be too many elections. Land transaction costs will be infrequent and by putting multiple transactions together the expense can be lessened. The city has sold land to special interests and this will give voters the final say on transactions. Opponents say this will result in expense, delay and loss of revenue and will cause lengthy litigation. They said there are sufficient safeguards and that sale is rare, and the city brings land in as well. There has been a gain of 6.6 net acres in the past 4 years.

Measure N Essential Services Protection Measure

In 1969 there was a general users tax of 2% on utilities, gas and landline. The money from this tax is reducing as technology changes. City Council is asking to modify this code to bring new technologies under this tax which would result in \$1.5M/year to the city general fund. No email/downloads would be taxed. Requires a majority vote to pass. Proponent is the City. No opponent listed as of yet. Measure BB- Sunnyvale School District parcel tax

Current measure B tax is \$59/year which passed in 2011. This measure would extend the tax 7 more years from 2018. The tax amount of \$59 and the exemptions would remain the same. Money generates about 1 million dollars for the school district and is spent on

protecting programs and teachers. Requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
Pro- Sunnyvale School District says it will keep class sizes small and protect programs. The money is needed and asking now saves money due to the size of this election.

Con- Silicon Valley Tax Payers Assoc doesn't believe the district needs the money and says they shouldn't renew early.

There are many upcoming forums to learn more and meet the candidates! Go to <http://cs.ca.lwvnet.org/calendar.html> to learn about upcoming events. Register to vote by October 24th and you can register online at <http://registertovote.ca> or <http://votersedge.org/ca> (used to be smart voter) has information and also the money behind the measure. You can put your vote in and it will save for when you actually vote!

Please forward voter information to your network so they can be informed.

ANOUNCEMENTS

Tim Oey- 22nd Trailblazer Race to support the Stevens Creek Trail. September 25th 8:30am. www.stevenscreektrail.org

Alisha Rodrigues- Recruiting for Sunnyvale Boards and Commissions: City of Sunnyvale boards and commissions advise the City Council and provide ongoing citizen input into policies and issues affecting the Sunnyvale community. Boards and commissions advise Council on specific policy issues Council has chosen to study, and provide a forum and opportunity for broad community input on those issues. Board and commission members serve on a volunteer basis for a four-year term and are appointed by the City Council. General eligibility requirements include voter registration and Sunnyvale residency. Special requirements vary. Recruitment is underway for the following board and commission openings:

- Arts Commission (1)
- Heritage Preservation Commission (1)
- Parks and Recreation Commission (1)
- Personnel Board (1)
- Planning Commission (1 upcoming vacancy)

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, September 23, 2016 in order to be scheduled for an interview with Council. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for February 9. For more information and to download an application, visit BoardsandCommissions.inSunnyvale.com or call the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 730-7483 to request an application. Applications to serve on a City board or commission are accepted on a continuous basis; applications received after the deadline will be considered for future openings.

8:25 Adjourn