

Hi Neighborhood Leaders-

We had a great and informative meeting last night! Please see information below on the following:

- Labor relations and strike
- Sunnyvale Education Foundation
- Sunnyvale Foodscrap Program (coming soon!)
- School District Outreach Info
- Project Updates: Mary Bridge and more!

Please forward to your associations!

Thanks!

Reid & Wayne

Quarterly Neighborhood Association Leader Meeting

Monday, May 1st, 2017

7pm-8:30pm - Neighborhood Room

7pm Welcome and Introductions, Reid Myers

7:05pm **Sunnyvale Labor Relations and Strike Update**

Mayor Glenn Hendricks & John Simontacchi, Sunnyvale Employee Association

Mayor Hendricks- City respects the job employees are doing. Been working for 22 months on an agreement. MADE A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT at 2am and there will not be an



impact to services. There are some formal processes that need to happen but he anticipates that it will happen. Over the next month or so.

John Simontacchi- at 2:15am they came to an agreement, the Association is happy and he hopes the city is happy as well. Members must view the agreement for 5 days to be sure all questions are answered and prob Mon or Tuesday they will vote and he expects it to pass. City council will then have a formal public vote.

Prob will be the meeting on May 23rd. They are happy to be able to get the deal worked out in a

win-win-win (employees, city, residents) fashion.

Q: Can you share the agreement now?

A: not yet, there is a process we need to go through.

Q: What lesson have you learned to avoid the same scenario in the future?

A: John Simontacchi- we have two different sides of the table and moving forward we can try a littler harder to look at it from the other perspective. 450 members of SEA vs the city's fiscal stability perspective.

7:25pm **Sunnyvale Education Foundation (SEF)**

*Melinda Hamilton, President
Michelle Eugeni, Vice President*



Melinda- We are reaching our 2nd year as an organization serving the Sunnyvale School District. Mission is to serve ALL the students in the district with a diverse educational experience and supplement in any way we can. We have a full board- 5 exec officers and representatives from each school (10) in the district, school board representation and community members on the board. The district has 8 elementary schools (4 are title 1) and 2 middle schools. 6700 students in SSD- with about a 35% of students on free or

reduced lunch (down from about 50% two years ago).

SEF Asks the schools what they need- many need volunteers. TB tests were needed so last fall they brought mobil TB tests and tested 70 people so they could volunteer! Michelle- we learned that people from many countries would test false positive on their TB testing - so blood testing helps alleviate this issue. There are actually high levels of TB in Santa Clara County which we learned through this process.

They also do roundtables across the district to enable cross communication from school to school and there is a lot to share.

- mini grants to each school
- Science camp fundraising
- parent ed nights- screenagers (teenagers and screen addiction, etc.) with a panel so the community could ask questions, etc.
- field trip funding - Google donated \$10,000 towards field trips!

HOW YOU CAN HELP! Visit www.sunnyvaleeducationfoundation.org

The foundation is always fundraising but also doing a special fundraiser now for science camp and the foundation will match up to \$5,000 for science camp for students who can't afford it. If people want to donate. SEF is a 501c(3) tax deductible donation! Always need volunteers for the schools! Need help spreading the word!

7:35pm **Sunnyvale Food Scrap Program**

Karen Gissibl, Environmental Programs Manager

Lisa Coelho, Zero Waste Program Coordinator- school and residential food recycling called FOODCYCLE

Split carts (now called FoodCycle carts) will replace the black garbage carts and have a 2/3rds split for garbage and 1/3rd split for food scraps. The food will become FDA approved animal feed for fish, chickens and pigs! Program was piloted in 2015 in 500 houses in 5 neighborhoods across Sunnyvale. Garbage on one side/food scraps on the other. We had 73% participation rate which is double

the national average for food programs. 62% of all food was captured! If the yellow side has nothing that's still considered a success as it's less garbage- just please don't put garbage in the yellow food side!

Supports Sunnyvale's zero waste goals of 75% reduction by 2020. State recycling goal is mandatory commercial recycling of food and will likely affect residents in the future. Sorting garbage cans- the largest component of trash in Sunnyvale is FOOD which decomposes in the landfill and creates methane. Cart is 1/3 food.

NEW SMALL CART: Is a 65 gallon cart with 27 gallons for garbage (volume=approx. 2 tall kitchen bags of garbage)-current cart is 35 gallons

NEW MEDIUM CART: Is a 65 gallon cart with 43 gallons for garbage (volume= approx. 3-4 tall kitchen bags of garbage) – current cart is 65 gallons

NEW LARGE CART: Is a 95 gallon cart with 64 gallons for garbage (volume= approx.5 tall kitchen bags of garbage)-current cart is 95 gallons

* We will get: Kitchen pail, an initial batch of pail liners, and 1 extra garbage tag for an extra bag of garbage

Residents will collect: ALL FOOD, meat and bones, bread, peels, pits and cores, spoiled food. NO paper, no pizza boxes, coffee cups, etc.



Once collected- keep out of yard waste containers and only put in yellow side- it will go to processing facility in Santa Clara which is the first of its kind in the Bay Area and produces animal feed! Feed goes to pigs, chickens and fish and is approved for pet food but we aren't doing it yet. For more information visit ForktoFeed.com

Recycling and food scrap programs in schools increases recycling behaviors at home. Currently 6 schools in Sunnyvale are collecting food scraps, so many Sunnyvale kids already know what to

do!

UPDATES will be available at the farmer's market, at Rotary/Kiwanis club, in the newspaper, social media Facebook (Sunnyvale environmental services) and look for cart size option choices in the mail sometime in May/June and then the cart will be delivered between September and November. If you change your mind on cart size- it will be about 8 weeks later to get a replacement cart. If you don't respond you will get the same relative size (S/M/L) as what you have now (smaller than what you currently have, as part of the garbage now belongs on the food scrap side).

Q: Do you make money on the animal feed?

A: No, we pay to have the material processed into the animal feed, at a cost similar to what we currently pay to landfill it. The processor sells the material to different markets (pig or chicken farmers). They are currently testing the material for pet food.

Q: Is it okay to use non compostable bags?

A: Yes, you can use produce bags, bread bags or other bags as long as they are clear. You can also use NO bags or wrap food scraps in newspaper. The pail is dishwasher safe.

Q: What happens to the food that goes down the garbage disposal?

A: All solids are removed in the water treatment process and it's used and turned into fertilizer.

Q: What kind of reduction have you had on people's garbage in the test?

A: About 1/3 was typical, so that's the proportion of the new carts allocated to food scraps.

8:00pm **School District Outreach**

Alia Wilson, Communications Coordinator, Sunnyvale School District

Alia is relatively new at the school district and came from the Sunnyvale Sun. Part of her job is to help people know what's going on from school to school and also to connect with the



community. She sends a mailer 2X/year with updates, accomplishments, things the community might be interested in. Next one comes any day now to registered voters in the district boundaries. This Wed is an annual event: **Our Kids Our Community** to provide funding for summer nutrition program- students that need meals during the summer. Many of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch which means they make under \$40K per year and can use this assistance. All are welcome to come and Bishop kids will be singing. This is a

joint venture with the school district, Sunnyvale Rotary and Sunnyvale Community Services.

Bishop is the next construction project and it will have our first 2 story building! Last update was in the 90s for Bishop. San Miguel Elementary was recognized as a Hoffmann Award Winner for their community school model because they bring in over 35 community partnerships to provide services for students. Optometrist services, dental services, etc. Preschools are growing and we now have 2 new preschool locations with a total of 9 classes serving over 250 students.

8:05pm **Project Updates:**

Mary Avenue Overcrossing EIR

Caltrain Grade Separation Feasibility Study

Bernardo Avenue Ped/Bike Undercrossing

Ria Hutabarat Lo, PhD, Transportation and Traffic Manager City of Sunnyvale

Ria has been working with the city for about 6 months and works on many projects including 3 that she will be talking about:



- **Mary Avenue Overcrossing.** This project has been in the General Plan since 1972. Goal to relieve north-south traffic congestion, reflect community concerns, and provide multimodal connections to Moffett Park. The City lost a legal challenge on the 2007 DEIR document. They have come up with a new set of options including: (1) 4 lanes plus protected bike facilities and sidewalks; (2) 2 lanes plus protected bike facilities and sidewalks; (3) transit/pedestrian/bike

overcrossing; (4) pedestrian/bike facility; and (5) removal from General Plan (no build). At this point the City does not have a preferred option and are trying to understand the implications of each. They'd like to environmentally clear all 5 options and then council can make a decision. The EIR looks at greenhouse gas, noise, public services, impact on traffic, etc. Doing a lot of intersection analysis. Had public kickoff in January, City Council study session in Feb, scoping workshop in March. If you'd like more info, go into Public Works/Hot Topics/Mary Avenue Overcrossing on the City's website. Surveys go out via Open City Hall occasionally.

- **Bernardo Avenue Pedestrian/Bike Undercrossing** which has 4 jurisdictions within this project! Would go from one side of the Caltrain line to the other (between Evelyn and Central Expressway) to provide assistance with north/south access and also help provide safe routes to school for Vargas students. This project was identified as a candidate project for the County's Measure B funding. In 2004, the City did a feasibility study but much has changed so the City has opened up new designs. Design is important so the undercrossing will be used as intended. Don't want it to become a magnet for drug use, etc- so it needs to be visible and open, have space for bikes and peds, no hidden spaces. The City is currently in negotiation with consultant. There will be 3 rounds of public involvement. In March 2018 there should be a council session on alternatives.
- **Caltrain Grade Separation Feasibility Study** Looking at two sites—one is Mary Avenue and the other is Sunnyvale Avenue. It's unusual for an urban and developed region such as ours to have at-grade crossing (meaning we go across the train tracks) and this can be a serious safety concern. Caltrain needs to sound horns, and there are frequent injuries or fatalities. Also, every time the gates come down you are holding up traffic. Increasing rail service exacerbates safety and delays. Caltrain ridership has been rising steadily since 2009. Consultants and City are looking at options for now. There are 6 initial screening options which include road over, road under, train over, train under, and hybrids. The first community meeting will be July

7/24 at Murphy Park (for Mary Avenue site) and 7/26 at Washington Park (for Sunnyvale Avenue) and then in November there will be another community meeting. They will narrow down alternatives and study them.

Q: If you lower the track for Caltrain would it only be in Sunnyvale or would you coordinate with other neighboring cities?

A: Just in Sunnyvale for now, but right now they are limited to a 1% grade and that may be changed with new freight operations.

Q: How long until completion?

A: The good news is this project is also included in Measure B and Sunnyvale is ahead of the curve in terms of planning. There are 8 places in the County where they need grade separation— 2 in Mountain View, 4 in Palo Alto and 2 in Sunnyvale. Each will do what's right for the particular location.

Q: Is the Caltrain plan to electrify in the plan?

A: Yes they are involved in the process and their input reflects both electrification and High Speed Rail (HSR)

8:25 **Announcements**

Tim Oey- There is a great app called Sunnyvale Recycles Right. See Sunnyvale Recycling website at:

<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/Garbage,RecyclingandWasteReduction/HowToRecycle.aspx>

There are now instructions for recycling toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, and empty dental floss containers. Just enter the item you want to recycle and it will give you instructions on where to take it -- look up "toothbrush" for instance.

Alisha Rodrigues: State of the City is on July 29th (will be fun!!!) and nominations for winning people, etc. are being accepted! please contact Alisha for more information at

arodrigues@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

8:30 Adjourn

Respectfully submitted by Reid Myers