

**Quarterly Neighborhood Association Leader's Meeting**  
**Monday August 7th, 2017 7-8:30pm**  
**Neighborhood Room**

7-7:05- Welcome and Introductions, Reid Myers

**7:05-7:10 Master Plan for Public Art Update-** Dan Wax, Superintendent of Community Services City of Sunnyvale

Funding for a master plan for public art was approved by city council and with it comes a plan for how we want to develop art for the city of Sunnyvale.

- master plan will be a tool for implementing public art policy
- includes provisions for public art/private development art
- the company we are working with has worked with Houston, Salt Lake City, Scottsdale, San Diego and San Antonio to name a few.
- more community engagement coming - next week Tuesday August 15th 6pm, city hall west conference room a joint study session with City Council and the Arts Commission will take place and the public is welcome to attend.
- in September there will be community engagement meetings, focus groups, stakeholder meetings, etc. online surveys will be coming out on open city government.
- task force is being developed from a cross section of business leaders, artists, residents, Arts Commission and other leaders from the City
- community input was also received at the recent State of the City event on July 29
- Arts Commission will hear findings in December 2017, City Council will consider in January 2018
- Reach out to Dan Wax, Department of Library and Community Services with questions. [Dwax@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:Dwax@sunnyvale.ca.gov)

**7:10-7:35pm- Caltrain Modernization Project**

Brent Tietjen, Gov and Community Relations Officer Caltrain

Currently there are 32 stations from Gilroy to SF, 92 weekday trains, connects to BART Muni, VTA and serve many bike commuters. 60K plus riders/week.

Ridership is skyrocketing and peak trains are at or above capacity which means people are standing. Fleet is aging- some are from 1985 and at or near their useful life.

In May 2017 they received funding for the project- local, state, regional and federal money.

Project includes electrification of system from SF to San Jose, electric vehicles for 75%, will stay 79MPH but starting and stopping will be quicker and Atherton and Broadway service will come back with no loss of time.

**Key Regional Benefits**

- cleaner air
- increased capacity
- less noise from trains/less particulate matter
- seating capacity will increase by 10%
- there will be one onboard bathroom

**SCHEDULE**

2015- clearance  
2016- contract  
2017 groundbreaking

First Train will arrive in 2019 with 75% electric in 2021

-currently designing trains/seats/storage, etc. 2018 there will be a virtual reality tour to see the trains. :)

[www.calmodtrains.com](http://www.calmodtrains.com) to get latest info on this project--- you can take polls to help determine the design!

Construction- in segments section 1 is SF to Brisbane, section 2 is So SF to Atherton, segment 3 from Menlo Park to Santa Clara and segment 4 is Santa Clara to San Jose. They are starting with segment 2 and our segment (3) is scheduled for May of next year.

Foundation work is estimated to take 2 weeks/mile.

Impact to Residents:

- Most equipment will be on track.
- Daytime work and night work from 8pm to 6am and some 24 hour weekend work.
- Will use acoustical barrier blankets and position lights away from homes.

There will be a dedicated hotline for construction complaints.

[www.Caltrain.com/pcepconstruction](http://www.Caltrain.com/pcepconstruction)

#### **7:35-8pm- Single Story Neighborhood Rezoning and New Village Centers**

Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner City of Sunnyvale

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Single Story Combining Districts- a trend happening right now where neighborhoods are designating themselves as only single story. Mostly happening south of Remington. Primarily Eichler neighborhoods. These neighborhoods want to be single story to protect their privacy (a lot of glass on the back of their houses) and also to maintain character.

Guidelines provide for two story homes- so neighborhoods can get together and designate an area single story. Here's what they need to do:

- complete an application and have a reasonable boundary (highly recommend that come talk to a planner early in the process to go over proposed boundaries)
- \$147 per lot in the boundary/district to pay for the review
- collect signatures from minimum 55% of the property owners
- 20 lots minimum
- Go through the hearing process
- If approved, zoning would be changed to add an "S" to the zoning. would apply to ALL homes in the proposed district regardless of if they participated.

About 50% of our Eichlers are in these Single Story Combining Districts.

**Mixed Use Villages/Village Centers**- part of the City's new Land Use and Transportation Chapter of the General Plan (LUTE) It's online if you'd like to read it at [Horizon2035.InSunnyvale.com](http://Horizon2035.InSunnyvale.com). It is the roadmap for land use and development for the next 15-20 years in Sunnyvale.

Mixed Use means residential, office, restaurants, commercial, shared parking, green space, public gathering areas, walking/biking paths or a combination of these.

Provision for mixed use has been on El Camino since 1985- some exist which aren't vertical but horizontal

- Cherry Orchard
- Charles Avenue Center
- Cherry Orchard
- Cherry Glen
- Las Palmas/Courtyard

Transit Mixed Use (around Caltrain and Lawrence Station), Corridor Mixed Use (El Camino), Village Mixed Use (7 aging shopping centers around the City).

Vision- distinctive gathering places accessible to residential neighborhoods and access to nearby services. variety of dwelling type, areas to meet and gather. Easy navigation on foot and by bicycle. transit within walking range of homes, businesses and services. May not need car as often.

- transforming older shopping centers and areas- planning ahead.

Process:

Each village starts with a community outreach plan, then an area plan with input and outreach meetings for neighbors to be involved- then a hearing for potential adoption.

Q- can parking go underneath?

A- it can, just depends on costs, etc. (very expensive)

Q. what happens with existing businesses?

A. it is between them and the property owner to determine what happens.

Q. Are there any projects in process?

A. Not now but there is some interest for example on Fremont where 24 hour fitness is but there are 3 different owners which makes it more complex. Butchers corner has been approved- mostly residential with some commercial

Q. Increased traffic?

A. A traffic study will be done— the hope is that it is serving neighbors- analysis will be done to determine if there needs to be modifications to streets etc. Transportation improvements are typically paid for by the project developer. Also- these projects aren't happening rapidly- turnover will likely take a lot of time. Given all the changes to transportation options in the last five years (Uber, Lyft, self-driving cars) we aren't sure what new transportation options may likely be available in 5-10 years.

Q. How tall can they be?

A. They would need to submit a plan- usually about 18' ground floor plus a couple of stories— maybe 40-50 feet total.

Q. Will planting trees be a requirement?

A. All public street trees and trees on private property will be the cost of the developer along their individual project area.

### **8pm-8:25pm- Town Center Update**

Dave Hopkins, Sr. VP Sares Regis Group

Deke Hunter, Hunter Properties

They attend the Wednesday night Sunnyvale Streets and you can get more info there!

What's happening? Downtown was stopped in 2007/2008 and now they are completing the projects that were stopped which is referred to as the Minimum Plan. This includes:

200 apartments, done next Summer

Leasing office across from Solstice- one leasing office

Retail on ground floor- about 120K of retail space

Movie theater/Whole Foods

Various infrastructure improvements such as roads, sidewalks, traffic signals, etc.

Acquired the project in September last year- 10 months ago. Minimum goal- complete what's not been completed, finish block 5 with shuttered garage by Target, execute leases for Whole Foods and movie theater and look to break ground mid-late November.

January will be foundation for theater and grocery store which will open in about 2019 May/June.

Street improvements (handicapped ramps, upgrading lights, etc) are also part of the project.

Finish residential.

For the rest of the plan, after the minimum plan has been met, they would like to bring Murphy down further with more park aspect along the way. Would like to see more parking underground and retail at street instead of parking garage on street.

Building a temporary park now at Redwood square.

#### Vision

- vibrant and walkable
- balance mix of uses
- lively public space- hub for civic life
- ample parking
- access to transit

Redwood trees will be part of park area. Base of the redwood trees are 4-5 feet higher than the road which makes for some logistical challenges.

Parking garages will be underground not above ground!

The customers they want to reach are within 3 miles- close enough to walk, bike or short drive. Compelling for them.

Next week, the 15th- the council will vote on whether to study a new plan (what to do with redwood square, and outlying streets not Whole Foods and the theater which are part of the minimum project)- including options which impact density, traffic impacts, etc.

Retail = want the "right" retail.

#### Timing

2018 - residential/retail ground floor

2019- whole foods/theater

2021- goal for first completions of final phase of the downtown (need good ones to get good ones)

Q. Do you know any of the retail tenants?

A. Interviewing people and working on it. Catering to a 3 mile radius— don't need to draw with big retail (ie: bass pro draws from 25 miles).

Q. Will it definitely be done in 2021?

A. Laughter. :) should happen!

Comment: loves the parking underground!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reid Myers