Policy 2.2.1  Open Space and Recreation Policies

**Note:** The following policies are specific to open space and recreational services, facilities and amenities in the City of Sunnyvale. Open space and recreational services, facilities and amenities are subject to additional policies that can be found in other City documents. In particular, no fiscal policies regarding open space and recreation are included below. Instead, fiscal policies for the entire City are found in the Fiscal section of the Planning and Management Chapter. Similarly, no policies related to public input are included. Those related City-wide policies can be found in the Community Engagement section.

**Planning**

Policy 2.2.B.8.  Provide reservation advantages to resident participants over non-Resident participants in recreational programs and activities.

Policy 2.2.B.9.  Consider Sunnyvale employees as Sunnyvale residents for the Purposes of determining eligibility for reservation advantages

Policy 2.2.B.10.  Develop such fiscal practices as pricing, fee structures and cost recovery targets for open space and recreation programs and services consistent with the City’s Fiscal Management policies.

Policy 2.2.B.11.  Require all participants of designated City recreation programs and activities to sign liability waivers prior to participation.

Policy 2.2.B.12.  Require all participants of designated City recreation programs and activities to sign photo releases prior to participation, unless an exemption is granted by the Director of Library and Community Services.

Policy 2.2.B.13.  Limit the display and distribution of printed material at Recreational buildings and facilities to those programs and events that are sponsored by the City of Sunnyvale and have received prior approval by staff; and post compatible non-City materials as space is available as determined by staff.

**Access**

Policy 2.2.E.4.  Utilize the Senior Center for senior programming and services exclusively between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays unless special permission is granted by the Director of Library and Community Services.
Policy 2.2.E.5. Utilize the Senior Center Pavilion and Recreation Center Ballroom exclusively for rental use from 6 p.m. Fridays through 8 a.m. Mondays unless special permission is granted by the Director of Library and Community Services.

Policy 2.2.E.6. Require that all participants in Senior Center designated programs and services for seniors be at least 50 years of age, unless special permission is given by the Director of Library and Community Services.

Policy 2.2.E.7. Provide opportunities for non-reserved use of picnic tables at each site within the open space system that has reservable picnic sites.

Policy 2.2.E.8. Allow opportunities for non-reserved, unstructured use of open space.

Policy 2.2.E.9. Allow in-line skating, bicycles and skateboarding on hard-surface sidewalks and pathways throughout the park system, as long as the skateboarders, cyclists and in-line skaters do not pose a hazard to themselves or other forms of traffic such as pedestrians or joggers.

Policy 2.2.E.10. Provide public access to Orchard Heritage Park to the greatest extent possible while meeting the goal of maintaining a working fruit orchard at the park.

Policy 2.2.E.11. Allow exclusive use permits for open space sites as per Appendix V, Exclusive Use Permits Guidelines.

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