

Policy 2.2.3 School Open Space City/School Development

POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to facilitate joint development, maintenance and use of school open space between the City and school districts serving Sunnyvale in order to assure community members the best use of public-owned open space.

POLICY STATEMENT:

OPEN SCHOOL SITES

The City of Sunnyvale and each school district will consider, on an individual basis, the capital improvements to the open space and recreation facilities that will best serve the community. The City and school districts will each pay 50% of capital improvement costs for facilities that are to be mutually used. Any other capital improvements desired by either the City or school districts will be paid for by the agency desiring the improvements. In some instances capital costs for facilities might be split on an unequal percentage basis, based on the use. At the time the decision is made to jointly fund capital improvements, consideration will be made as to who will provide ongoing maintenance of the facility. If it is jointly agreed that the City will assume maintenance it will be on a 50%-50% cost sharing basis. In unique circumstances the City may, through joint agreement, assume a higher percent of operating costs. Unique circumstances include sites where facilities are designed and improved primarily for use as park and recreation facilities rather than school use.

CLOSED SCHOOL SITES

The City of Sunnyvale, cooperating with the school district, will consider on an individual basis the capital improvements to open space and recreation facilities at closed school sites that, if sold, would be of a high priority for purchase by the City as designated in the City's Open Space Sub-Element. The City will pay all capital improvement, maintenance and operating costs. This paragraph applies only in those circumstances where the portion of the site to be renovated is the same as that which the City would consider for acquisition if a given School District declared the property surplus.

AGREEMENTS

Prior to the development the City and school district will enter into a License Agreement that will assure equitable use which will provide the community with maximum use of their facilities.

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