



Council Meeting: February 8, 2011

**SUBJECT: Update #5 Regarding Morse Avenue Park Site Development
(Information Only)**

On January 4, 2011, the City Council approved a contract with Erler & Kalinowski, Inc. (EKI) to perform the environmental remediation planning and oversight work for removal of contaminated soils at the Morse Avenue Park site. The first step in this process is to engage a state regulatory agency, likely the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), to oversee the remediation planning for the park. Once the remediation planning work is in progress with the regulatory agency, staff is expecting EKI to produce updated cost estimates for work on the new park that could not be anticipated until the regulatory oversight of the remediation phase was underway.

Staff's best cost estimates, including the cost of environmental remediation, will be folded into the City's annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget which Council reviews in May. The revised cost estimate is likely to be in the neighborhood of 8 million dollars. Meanwhile, as EKI continues its work on the remediation plan, the design work continues. Public meetings were held in December to gather information on the type of park amenities the neighborhood would like to have. Additional public meetings are planned on February 10th and 12th to gather public input and comments on three conceptual designs. (See Attachment A: Morse Ave. Park Flyer)

Next Steps

The conceptual design for Morse Avenue Park is anticipated to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in April and the City Council in May. Following the Council's approval, work on detailed construction plans will be underway over the summer. At the same time, EKI will likely be working with the regulatory agency to prepare the Feasibility Study and Remedial Action Plan that will ultimately be circulated for public comment. The timing for the Remedial Action Plan preparation and public comment period will depend on the tasks required by the agency. While the time required to complete activities such as this may fluctuate, demolition for the remediation work is tentatively scheduled to begin in the summer of 2012 and last approximately six months. The park construction would begin in the early spring of 2013 and is expected to take close to a year before completion.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk, Senior Center, Community Center, Department of Community Services Administration, and on the City's Website.

Copies of this report were also provided to the presidents of the nearby Neighborhood Associations, to local residents who have contacted the City in regard to the status of the Morse Avenue Park project, and to the "Friends of Parks and Recreation" e-mail list (a list of organizations and individuals who have expressed an interest in Parks and Recreation issues).

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Attachment A: Morse Ave. Park Flyer



NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING

MORSE AVENUE PARK PROJECT

The City of Sunnyvale has approved a construction project that would create a neighborhood park on a 5.3 acre parcel located on Morse Avenue. The City of Sunnyvale Parks Division will hold the following meetings to give an overview of the 3 conceptual designs that were derived from the previous public meetings of this capital project. Staff will also gather public input/comments. All meetings will cover identical information. Please feel free to attend any of the meetings which are most convenient for you.

Proposed Park Location
1010 Morse Ave.

Meeting Location



➔ **Meeting Location:**

City Park Community Building

(The building faces Weddell Drive – Please park on Kiel Court)

500 Solomon Terrace

➔ **Dates and Times are:**

- Thursday, February 10, 2011: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
- Thursday, February 10, 2011: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
- Saturday, February 12, 2011: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Note: If you are unable to attend these meetings and have questions or would like to provide input and/or be put on a mailing list for future meeting notifications, please call the Parks Division at 730-7506 or [contact Scott Morton at smorton@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:smorton@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us)