

**Council Meeting: May 24, 2011****SUBJECT: Update #6 Regarding Morse Avenue Park Site Development
(Information Only)**

Since the last update to the City Council on the Morse Avenue Park site development was presented on February 8, 2011, the environmental remediation planning and oversight work has been underway by Erler & Kalinowski, Inc. (EKI) in conjunction with the recently appointed State regulatory agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The February Update also noted that the total cost of the Morse Avenue Park project was expected to increase once the work with the State regulatory agency was underway.

With the assistance of EKI, staff has developed revised cost estimates which include: preliminary planning and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance, removal of the existing buildings and site demolition, soil remediation, and new park construction. The revised estimate is \$9.75 million. The original budget was \$4.1 million. The additional costs compared to the original budget include \$164,000 for preliminary site testing and CEQA regulatory compliance, \$3.9 million for the soil remediation and related design, testing and consulting services, and an additional \$1.5 million for park construction and utilities upgrades. This estimate covers all known items to date. Staff does not anticipate any other large budgetary impacts.

While EKI continues its work on the soil remediation plan and awaits its final approval, the park design work has also moved forward. Public meetings were held in February to gather input on proposed conceptual designs and determine the design that is most favored.

Next Steps

The conceptual design for Morse Avenue Park is scheduled to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 25 and considered by the City Council on June 7, 2011.

The revised cost estimate for this project will be included in the City's annual Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget and considered by the City Council on June 28, 2011. To date, approximately \$225,000 has been spent on the park project.

After the conceptual design for Morse Avenue Park and the park construction budget is approved by the City Council, an Environmental Initial Study and the Mitigated Negative Declaration required for CEQA certification will be issued for comment and brought to Council for certification. The building demolition and soils remediation work currently in design can begin after CEQA certification and should start late this summer and continue over the next year. Work on the detailed design and construction plans for the park will take place over the same time period. Once the DTSC confirms that the site is suitable for unrestricted use, the construction documents will be ready for bidding. Staff anticipates bidding for park construction will occur by January 2013. Park construction is expected to commence by April 2013 and last close to 14 months with a completion date in June 2014.

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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