

CITY OF SUNNYVALE
City Council Joint Study Session with Planning
Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, and
Sustainability Commission
Summary

Study Session on
November 29, 2011

Overview of the Horizon 2035 Policies: Draft Land Use and
Transportation Element (LUTE) of the General Plan and Draft
Climate Action Plan (CAP)

The City Council and three Commissions met in joint study session at the Sunnyvale Library in Program Rooms A/B at 665 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, California on November 29, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., with Mayor Melinda Hamilton presiding.

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Melinda Hamilton
Vice Mayor Jim Griffiths
Otto Lee
Chris Moylan
Tony Spitaleri
David Whittum

City Councilmembers Absent:

none

Planning Commissioners Present:

Glenn Hendricks, Chair
Bo Chang
Maria Dohadwala
Arcadi Kolchak
Brandon Sulser

Planning Commissioners Absent:

Gustav Larsson, Vice Chair
Nick Travis

Sustainability Commissioners Present:

Gerald Glaser
Barbara Fukumoto

- Lacks recognition that not everyone can afford a home and should emphasize need for affordable housing; should include outreach to lower income communities
- Agree that change is inevitable; City must control how it develops
- Concern that there is additional growth beyond that in the Community Vision
- Mass transit is not as easy as planning for denser development; plan and commit funding for transit first
- Climate Action Plan has some urgency to it
- Point of Sale requirements in CAP are a concern
- Why is the Housing to Jobs ratio increasing, and isn't that a bad thing?
- Got excited reading through the LUTE—how much will it translate into issues of the day?
- Job centers need to factor in the availability of bicycle routes
- How do we get the community involved and to buy into these plans?
- Document seems anti-car
- Village centers may represent dramatic change; should have a lot of conversation about the proposed LUTE policies with the community
- Suggestions for outreach similar to downtown where meetings were are in the neighborhoods with the commissions participating

Members of the public offered the following comments:

- LUTE should include an analysis for locating emergency housing
- Oppose the villages concept, such as at Mary and Fremont Avenues
- Concerns that villages may not be safe and facilitates and encourages predatory behaviors
- Concerns that villages may result in loss of privacy and adversely impact adjacent residential areas
- Questions of whether there are plans for children in the villages
- Concern about the focus on reducing driving—suggestion to synchronize lights better to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Concerns with proposed policy for real estate sale requirements

Adjournment: 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Trudi Ryan
Planning Officer

PUBLIC CONTACT

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ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve Budget Modification No. 18 to recognize and appropriate \$14,500 in revenue from the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and to appropriate \$41,600 in City funds to fund staff and legal support and CEQA technical studies and filing fees for the Onizuka BRAC planning process.
2. Approve Budget Modification No. 18 with a modified amount.
3. Do not approve Budget Modification No. 18.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Alternative 1: Approve Budget Modification No. 18 to recognize and appropriate \$14,500 in revenue from the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and to appropriate \$41,600 in City funds to fund staff and legal support and CEQA technical studies and filing fees for the Onizuka BRAC planning process.

Reviewed by:

Hanson Hom, Director of Community Development

Reviewed by:

Grace K. Leung
Director of Finance

Approved by:

Gary M. Luebbbers
City Manager