



**CITY OF SUNNYVALE  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Gary Luebbers, City Manager   
**SUBJECT:** Update on Murphy Park

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The following is an update in response to questions raised about Murphy Park at the April 9 Council meeting. Concerns were raised by a resident about homeless and gang activity in the park. Comments were also made about the poor condition of the recreation building at Murphy Park.

The Department of Public Safety was contacted and evaluated recent calls for service at Murphy Park. Public Safety provided the following information:

A review was conducted of the following systems for activity associated with Murphy Park for the period of January 1, 2012 to April 11, 2013.

- *Computer Aided Dispatch Incidents* – The total number of incidents for this time period (14 months) is 121. The majority of incidents involved self-initiated security checks and pedestrian contacts by Public Safety Officers. The incident type breakdown is as follows:
  - PSO Self-Initiated Security Checks – 66
  - K9 Training – 7
  - Pedestrian Contacts – 10
  - Suspicious Person Contacts – 10
  - Suspicious Vehicle Contacts – 7
  - Traffic and Parking Contacts – 7
  - Disturbance Calls – 4
  - Warrant/Intoxication Arrests – 4
  - Animal Control Responses – 3
  - Gang Graffiti – 2
  - Sexual Assault – 1

- *Automated Report Writing System* – Four police reports were taken during this time period. Two were taken in September 2012 for gang graffiti. One was taken in December 2012 for a public intoxication arrest. The final report was taken in January 2013, involving a domestic violence/rape investigation with a couple who had a previous dating relationship.
- *Field Interview Contacts (FIs)* – Seven FIs were completed, one of which involved a gang member.

### Planned Murphy Park Building Renovations

Another comment was made about the condition of the Murphy Park recreation building. Describing the appearance of the building as run down is currently accurate. Because a major renovation project is planned, normal maintenance items such as replacing blinds and painting have been deferred.

The Murphy Park Recreation Building Renovation Project will renovate the existing building to support current and future activities. The project will reconfigure existing space to provide a dedicated classroom for preschool-aged children's programs and add new "child-sized" restroom facilities. The renovation also includes improvements to the existing classrooms, flooring, lighting, heating and air conditioning systems, kitchen facilities, window coverings, and storage spaces. The current project budget is \$1,230,600. However, based on current estimates the project will require some additional funding for construction.