

**CITY OF SUNNYVALE
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION SUMMARY
DISCUSS DOG PARK AT LAS PALMAS PARK
OCTOBER 1, 2013**

The City Council met in Joint Study Session with Parks and Recreation Commission at Las Palmas Park in the Las Palmas Park Building, 850 Russet Drive, Sunnyvale, California on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. with Vice Mayor James Griffith presiding.

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Anthony (Tony) Spitaleri
Vice Mayor Jim Griffith
Councilmember Christopher R. Moylan
Councilmember David Whittum
Councilmember Pat Meyering
Councilmember Jim Davis

City Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Present:

Henry Alexander
Robert Harms
Ralph Kenton
Craig Pasqua

Parks and Recreation Commissioners Absent:

Robert Powchoski

City Staff Present:

City Attorney Joan Borger
Assistant City Manager Robert Walker
Director of Public Works Kent Steffens
Director of Libraries and Community Services Lisa Rosenblum
Superintendent of Parks, Golf and Trees, Scott Morton
Superintendent of Community Services Daniel Wax
Parks Division Manager James Stark,
Senior Management Analyst Patricia Lord

Visitors/Guests Present:

Members of the Public

Call to Order:

Vice Mayor Griffith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments:

19 members of the public commented and asked questions regarding the agenda items listed below.

Study Session Summary:

1. Director of Public Works Kent Steffens provided an overview of the Council Study Issue, *Feasibility of Establishing Additional Dog Parks and Alternatives in Sunnyvale's Park System* and results of the RTC 13-178. On July 23, 2013, Council approved "Budget Modification No. 2 to appropriate \$100,000 from the Park Dedication Fund in FY 2013/2014 for the purpose of making improvement to Las Palmas Dog Park, including the addition of natural grass and a separate areas for small dogs, and to direct staff to come back with a second optional budget modification to consider relocating it somewhere in the park farther away from people's homes."
2. Senior Management Analyst Patricia Lord presented three new possible location options within Las Palmas Park, location criteria and an overview of proposed new dog park amenities.
3. Parks Division Manager James Stark led a site visit to the identified location options for a dog park within Las Palmas Park.
4. Superintendent of Parks, Golf and Trees, Scott Morton, presented an overview of Las Palmas Dog Park survey results from public outreach meetings conducted on August 22, 23 and 24 with 63% in favor of keeping the Las Palmas Dog Park in its' current location. Superintendent Morton provided an overview of cost estimates for the various site options.

Council and Parks and Recreation Commission Comments:

Numerous comments were made by Councilmembers and Parks and Recreation Commissioners in response to public questions and comments regarding the agenda items listed above. Council directed staff to complete further study of site options #1 and #2, including cost estimates and options for the existing Las Palmas Dog Park if the dog park were to be relocated.

Adjournment: Vice Mayor Griffith adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Lord, Senior Management Analyst