

**Onizuka AFS Local Redevelopment Authority Public Hearing on
Draft Redevelopment Plan and Housing Assistance Submission
December 2, 2008**

Summary of Public Comment

The City Council of the City of Sunnyvale convened following the Council Meeting in the City Hall - West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, California.

PRESENT: Chair Ron Swegles
Vice Chair John Howe
LRA Member Melinda Hamilton
LRA Member Otto Lee
LRA Member Anthony Spitaleri
LRA Member Christopher Moylan
LRA Member David Whittum

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Gary Luebbers
City Attorney David Kahn
Asst. City Manager Robert Walker
Community Development Director Hanson Hom
City Clerk Gail T. Borkowski
Asst. to the City Manager Coryn Campbell
Onizuka AFS BRAC Project Manager Robert Switzer

GUESTS: Ron Golem, Bay Area Economics

PUBLIC HEARING/GENERAL BUSINESS

**2. LRA 08-005 Recommended Reuse of Onizuka Air Force Station:
Onizuka Redevelopment Plan, Homeless Assistance Submission, and
Approval to Apply for Department of Defense Funding**

Public hearing opened at 7:45 p.m.

Jack Roberts, former Onizuka employee not residing in Sunnyvale, stressed the importance of Onizuka AFS to winning the Cold War, and specifically the critical role of the Corona program. He stated that it is important to the people who have worked at Onizuka to retain some portion of the site, or portion of the building as a museum to record its historical significance.

Jeanine Stanek, Chair, Sunnyvale Historical Preservation Commission. Ms. Stanek noted the Heritage Preservation Commission's recommended to the LRA that the Plan acknowledge that the Onizuka AFS is eligible for potential designation as a local Heritage Resource under the Sunnyvale Municipal Code. And that that plan should include a recommendation to further evaluate the historical significance of the buildings, artifacts, and site and possible preservation of a building, artifact, or other appropriate measure to commemorate the site's heritage significance.

Robert Schweisan, Sunnyvale resident, stated that the site should be used for veterans.

John Lucas, representative of Juniper Networks, which owns property adjacent to the Onizuka site made two comments:

- 1) A large part of Innovation [Way] is owned by Juniper Networks; Innovation Drive has limited easement access. Any proposed public access will need to be resolved with Juniper. There would also be a cost for land dedication.
- 2) Development of an auto mall not attractive to Juniper Networks.

Kerry Haywood, Representing Moffett Park Business Association noted that an auto mall is inconsistent with surrounding zoning as defined by the Moffett Business Park Specific Plan. Traffic mitigation should be required of any future development.

Ed McMahon, retired Onizuka employee and not a Sunnyvale resident, underscored the historical significance of the Blue Cube.

Cathy Robinson, representative of Charities housing, one of the homeless agencies that submitted a Notice of Interest in Onizuka thanked the council and staff for their support of homeless housing to address Sunnyvale's homeless housing needs.

Mark Balestra, owner of a Sunnyvale auto dealership stated that an auto mall would help to address Sunnyvale's economic development and retain the auto industry in Sunnyvale.

Alock Lathi, representative of Mid Peninsula Housing expressed strong support of the legally binding agreement and the unique opportunity Onizuka presents for serving the needs of the homeless.

Arthur Schwartz, Sunnyvale resident stated that Sunnyvale should put something unique on the site that signifies the uniqueness of Sunnyvale – not an auto mall. The dealerships should remain on El Camino Real.

Thom Bryant, representing Network Appliance (a business located in Moffett Business Park) and a member of the Onizuka AFS Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) stated that the CAC clearly understood the importance of the history of Onizuka. The Committee also recognized the constraints of the federal process. Housing is not suitable for Onizuka; childcare is also not suitable due to area toxins.

Jannette Samartino, representing Jay Paul Company (a business located at Onizuka) stated that the final use of Onizuka should be consistent with the high quality investments that have already been established at the business park. An auto mall should have a high quality design.

Cindy Cotton, Sunnyvale resident, Onizuka employee, and CAC member stated that Onizuka AFS should be preserved as a historical site. Ms. Cotton stated that she was not supportive of any of the reuse concepts considered by either the CAC or the LRA.

The public hearing adjourned at 8:15.