

Proposed 2009 Council Study Issue

CDD-37 Study to Consider New Heritage Preservation Designation for Existing Structures as "Buildings of Character"

Lead Department	Community Development		
Element or Sub-element	Heritage Preservation		
New or Previous	New		
Status	Pending	History 1 year ago None	2 years ago None

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated it?

The Heritage Preservation Commission has identified the desire to study the possible creation of an additional designation for the City's inventory of structures that are deemed as "Buildings of Character." Such buildings may be not considered "Local Landmarks" or "Heritage Resources," but are considered noteworthy as buildings of good quality, and a design that contributes to the character and appearance of an area. They may illustrate, or be reminders of, the historic development of the area and are worthy of City recognition.

As part of this study, staff would examine the City's inventory of structures (commercial, residential, industrial, etc.) that are not already considered "Heritage Resources" or Local Landmarks" and determine whether a new designation could be warranted. The first step would be to research what impact these designations would have on redevelopment of the subject properties. The study would also define and outline certain parameters for the new designation. The intent of the study would not be to create additional restrictive permitting or construction limitations to such structures beyond the current "Local Landmark" or "Heritage Resource" designation, but rather be a tool that could add value to the property through promoting awareness of the City's notable architecture and link to the past.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?

Goal 6.3B: To enhance, preserve and protect Sunnyvale's Heritage including natural features, the built environment and significant artifacts.

Policy 6.3B.5: Seek out, catalog and evaluate heritage resources which may be significant.

Goal 6.3B.5d: Where it has been determined that a structure, streetscape or other heritage resource should be considered for designation as a cultural resource or as a landmark, institute the process to designate them accordingly.

3. Origin of issue

Council Member(s)
General Plan
City Staff
Public
Board or Commission Heritage Preservation Commission

4. Multiple Year Project? No Planned Completion Year 2009

5. Expected participation involved in the study issue process?

Does Council need to approve a work plan? No
 Does this issue require review by a Board/Commission? Yes
 If so, which?
 Heritage Preservation Commission
 Is a Council Study Session anticipated? No
 What is the public participation process?
 City staff would solicit input from property owners, business owners and those with knowledge of historic architecture. Outreach would be conducted to interested parties through community meetings and public hearings.

6. Cost of Study

Operating Budget Program covering costs
 242 Land Use Planning
 Project Budget covering costs
 Budget modification \$ amount needed for study
 Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

7. Potential fiscal impact to implement recommendations in the Study approved by Council

Capital expenditure range None
 Operating expenditure range None
 New revenues/savings range None
 Explain impact briefly

8. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation None
 If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

9. Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue

Managers		Role	Manager	Hours	
Lead	Ryan, Trudi	Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	150	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Simpson, Laura (I)	Mgr CY1:	10	Mgr CY2:	10
		Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0
Interdep	Berry, Kathryn	Mgr CY1:	20	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0
Total Hours CY1:		200			
Total Hours CY2:		10			

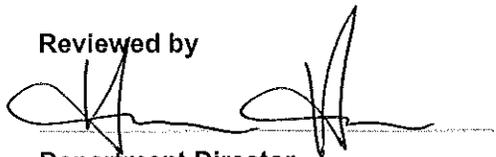
Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should

Total Hours CY1: 200

Total Hours CY2: 10

Note: If staff's recommendation is 'For Study' or 'Against Study', the Director should note the relative importance of this Study to other major projects that the Department is currently working on or that are soon to begin, and the impact on existing services/priorities.

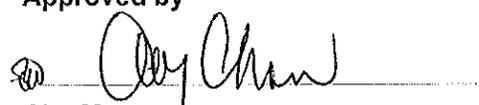
Reviewed by



Department Director

10/22/08
Date

Approved by



City Manager

10/30/08
Date

Addendum

A. Board / Commission Recommendation

Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking

Board or Commission	Rank	Rank 1 year ago	Rank 2 years ago
Arts Commission			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee			
Board of Building Code Appeals			
Board of Library Trustees			
Child Care Advisory Board			
Heritage Preservation Commission			
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			
Board or Commission ranking comments			

B. Council

Council Rank (no rank yet)
Work Plan Review Date (blank)
Study Session Date (blank)
RTC Date (blank)
Actual Complete Date (blank)
Staff Contact