

Proposed 2010 Council Study Issue

CDD 09-09 Onizuka AFS Artifacts

Lead Department	Community Development		
Element or Sub-element	Heritage Preservation Sub-Element		
New or Previous	Previous		
Status	Pending	History	1 year ago Deferred 2 years ago Below the line

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

The Heritage Preservation Commission has identified Onizuka Air Force Station as a prominent piece of Sunnyvale's urban landscape and history. With the impending Onizuka base closure, the Air Force has begun the process of slowly disassembling the base and disseminating many of the important features (machines, computers, maps, chart, artwork, photos, and other iconographic items) to locations outside of the City. At this time, a number of key items have already been removed from the base or are scheduled to be removed from the site permanently. These items are the historical artifacts which are part of the base's past operations and therefore Sunnyvale's history.

With the help of historic consultants, Onizuka Air Force staff have already cataloged all items that have been removed or are scheduled to be removed from the site. This study would seek to review the Air Force's list and identify key artifacts that may be significant contributors to the history of Onizuka and Sunnyvale. City staff would work with Air Force personnel to determine which, if any, of these items could be retained or returned to the City for holding until such time as a suitable display/memorial can be created. The intent is to find suitable artifacts that would commemorate both Onizuka's and the City of Sunnyvale's history.

2. How does this relate to the General Plan or existing City Policy?**HERITAGE PRESERVATION SUB-ELEMENT**

Goal 6.3A: To promote knowledge of and appreciation for, Sunnyvale's heritage and to encourage broad community participation in heritage programs and projects.

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?** Yes **Planned Completion Year** 2010

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?
 Review through Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority.

6. **Cost of Study**

Operating Budget Program covering costs

242 Land Use Planning

Project Budget covering costs

Budget modification \$ amount needed for study

\$20,000.00

Explain below what the additional funding will be used for

Additional funding will be used to retain a consultant who would work with Air Force personnel on locating and retaining Onizuka AFS artifacts.

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 Defer

If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain

Staff is recommending deferral of this study since the Base Reuse and Closure (BRAC) process has not yet been completed. As part of the BRAC process, the Local Reuse Authority (LRA) can make one of several possible recommendations, including preservation of a portion of Onizuka Air Force Station, creating a suitable memorial at this or another site, or not preserving any portion of the site. The LRA is further studying the base reuse options; as part of this process it will determine whether to retain/return artifacts depending on further evaluation of historic significance by LPA and the Air Force.

Historic preservation of the Onizuka site will be addressed through the additional studies and presented to the the LRA, and items related to historic preservation will be presented to the Heritage Preservation Commission for review.

9. **Estimated consultant hours for completion of the study issue**

Managers

Role	Manager	Hours			
Lead	Ryan, Trudi	Mgr CY1:	40	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	200	Staff CY2:	0
Support	Hom, Hanson	Mgr CY1:	40	Mgr CY2:	0
		Staff CY1:	0	Staff CY2:	0

Total Hours CY1: 280

Total Hours CY2: 0

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

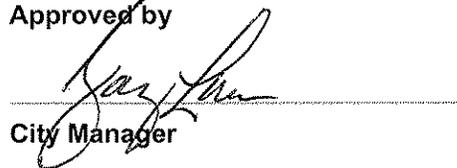


Department Director

10/13/09

Date

Approved by



City Manager

10-15-09

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	2 of 2	3 of 3	1
Housing and Human Services Commission			
Parks and Recreation Commission			
Personnel Board			
Planning Commission			

Board or Commission ranking comments

It is critical at this time to attempt to save as many of these historical artifacts as possible. When the base is finally closed all items will have been removed and disbursed across the county, making retrieval difficult, if not impossible.

B. Council

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