

## Proposed 2010 Council Study Issue

## DCS 10-01 Consider Potential Locations and Related Costs for Development of New Mini-Parks in North Sunnyvale

<b>Lead Department</b>	Community Services		
<b>Element or Sub-element</b>	Open Space and Recreation		
<b>New or Previous</b>	New		
<b>Status</b>	Pending	<b>History</b>	1 year ago None      2 years ago None

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

This study will consider potential locations for new mini-parks in the north areas of Sunnyvale, including cost and funding scenarios to construct and maintain the new parksites. The mini-parks are intended to serve areas where newer condos and townhomes have been constructed in neighborhoods that have been identified as those lacking in park and open space.

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

From Open Space and Recreation Sub-Element:

#### GOAL 2.2A. OPEN SPACE

The City strives to provide and maintain adequate and balanced open space and recreation facilities for the benefit of maintaining a healthy community based on community needs and the ability of the city to finance, construct, maintain, and operate these facilities now and in the future. It is the City's policy, therefore, to:

Policy 2.2.A.9. Refrain from engaging in the development of open space and/or recreational facilities without prior assurance that ongoing maintenance needs will be addressed.

Policy 2.2.A.11. Support the acquisition of existing open space within the City limits as long as financially feasible.

#### GOAL 2.2.D. PRIORITIZATION

The City strives to ensure equal opportunities for participation and to provide for a range of structured and unstructured uses, and a variety of general and special interest uses in parks and facilities. The City also provides a wide range of program choices, open space, amenities and facility offerings to meet the recreational needs of a diverse and changing population, including identified subgroups and special populations. Policies related to acquiring and/or developing open space facilities and amenities are also included here. Competing interests and finite resources, however, require the City to set some priorities. All other things being equal, it is the City's policy, therefore, to:

Policy 2.2.D.9. Give priority to acquiring/developing open space and recreational amenities and programs where similar amenities and programs do not already exist.

Policy 2.2.D.10. Give priority to acquiring/developing open space and recreational amenities where the current number of households within specified distances relying on the open space or recreational amenity is greater.

Policy 2.2.D.11. Give priority to acquiring/developing open space and recreational amenities where the projected number of households within specified distances which will be relying on the open space or recreational amenity is greater.

Policy 2.2.D.12. Give priority to acquiring/developing open space and recreational amenities and

programs where the needs are greatest and/or which will meet the greatest needs.

**3. Origin of issue**

- Council Member(s)**
- General Plan**
- City Staff**
- Public**
- Board or Commission** Parks and Recreation Commission

**4. Multiple Year Project? Yes Planned Completion Year 2011**

**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?**  
Parks and Recreation Commission
- Is a Council Study Session anticipated?** No
- What is the public participation process?**  
Public input will be provided through Neighborhood Association meetings and during Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council meetings.

**6. Cost of Study**

- Operating Budget Program covering costs**  
Program 265 Neighborhood Parks & Open Space
- 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** \$501K or more
- Operating expenditure range** \$101K - \$500K
- New revenues/savings range** None
- Explain impact briefly**  
Approximate costs to develop and provide on-going maintenance for new parksites were addressed in the Parks of the Future Study that was completed in July 2009. Specific costs would be developed as City Council directs staff to pursue park land acquisition and/or park development.

**8. Staff Recommendation**

**Staff Recommendation** Against Study

**If 'For Study' or 'Against Study', explain**  
The Parks of the Future Study was completed in July 2009 and identified areas in greatest need of open space and neighborhood parks, including the need for mini-parks. As a result of this study, City Council adopted as priorities for acquisition and development of new open space the following areas:

1. Morse/Tasman (includes ITR 7 & 8)
2. East Evelyn (includes ITR 4)
3. Acalanes/Iowa (between western border of Sunnyvale and Mary Avenue, between El Camino and Evelyn)
4. Downtown
5. Community Center area
6. East Sunnyvale IT

City Council also directed staff to actively identify land for acquisition and development, with particular emphasis on areas identified as priorities for new open space.

While specific locations for a particular type of park were not identified as part of the study, the direction has already been provided by the City Council to move forward to seek opportunities to acquire and develop new open space in specific areas of the City.

Staff recommends against this study since it would duplicate work already completed by the Parks of the Future Study.

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

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**Managers**

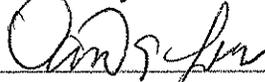
Role	Manager	Hours	
Lead	Morton, Scott	Mgr CY1: 60	Mgr CY2: 60
		Staff CY1: 40	Staff CY2: 40
Support	Lewis, David	Mgr CY1: 20	Mgr CY2: 20
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Support	Russell, Scott	Mgr CY1: 40	Mgr CY2: 40
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Interdep	Chan, Mike	Mgr CY1: 20	Mgr CY2: 20
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Interdep	Corbett, Drew	Mgr CY1: 20	Mgr CY2: 20
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0
Interdep	Moon, Rebecca	Mgr CY1: 20	Mgr CY2: 20
		Staff CY1: 0	Staff CY2: 0

**Total Hours CY1: 220**

**Total Hours CY2: 220**

**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

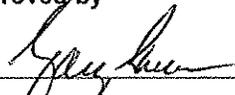


Department Director

9-22-09

Date

Approved by

  
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City Manager

9-24-09  
Date

**Addendum**

**A. Board / Commission Recommendation**

**Issue Created Too Late for B/C Ranking**

<b>Board or Commission</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Rank</b>
	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Rank</b>
	<b>1 year ago</b>	<b>2 years ago</b>
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**

This study issue was initiated by the Parks and Recreation Commission in 2008 and also deferred by the Parks and Commission in 2008. Therefore, it did not go forward to City Council for 2009 study issue consideration. It is being brought back for consideration in the 2010 study issue process.

**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**