

2013 Council Study Issue

CDD 12-02 Possible Nomination of Non-Residential Properties to the Heritage Resource Inventory

Lead Department Community Development

History 1 year ago Deferred 2 years ago None

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

In 2009, a study was completed that identified new Heritage Resources and possible Heritage Districts. The study included a survey of homes and residential neighborhoods within the City. The Heritage Preservation Commission has recently suggested further research be completed of the City's non-residential development to identify possible additions into the City's Heritage Resource inventory. The study would examine such properties and structures to determine if additional protections are warranted based on the criteria for designation.

Similar to previous studies, a windshield survey would be conducted to map the various non-residential properties. The Commission has noted that there are several examples of commercial architecture representative of the period that they were constructed throughout the City. A historic consultant would assist in the identification of possible notable architectural structures as well as research the history of any technological innovations that may have occurred at certain sites for possible incorporation to the Heritage Resource inventory.

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

GOAL CC-5 PROTECTION OF SUNNYVALE'S HERITAGE

To enhance, preserve and protect Sunnyvale's heritage including natural features, the built environment and significant artifacts.

Policy CC-5.4

Seek out, catalog and evaluate heritage resources which may be significant.

3. Origin of issue

Board or Commission Heritage Preservation Commission

4. Staff effort required to conduct study Moderate

Briefly explain the level of staff effort required

Staff would conduct extensive research of the City's non-residential properties and assist a consultant in narrowing down properties that deserve further attention based on age and notable design. Staff would also conduct public outreach with those property owners, prepare reports and schedule public hearings.

5. Multiple Year Project? No **Planned Completion Year** 2013

6. 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

7. Briefly explain if a budget modification will be required to study this issue

Amount of budget modification required 10000

Explanation

The funds would be used to hire a consultant to conduct the survey of the City's non-residential structures

8. Briefly explain potential costs of implementing study results, note estimated capital and operating costs, as well as estimated revenue/savings, include dollar amounts

Are there costs of implementation? No

Explanation

9. Staff Recommendation

Staff Recommendation Defer

If 'Support', 'Drop' or 'Defer', explain

A comprehensive study has not been conducted for several years of the City's non-residential properties to determine whether such properties or structures warrant additional protections as those listed in the City's Heritage Resource Inventory. The recent study only covered residential properties and neighborhoods. However, given limited funding resources staff recommends deferring this item.

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Department Director

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