

2014 Council Study Issue

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

Lead Department Community Development

Sponsor(s) Heritage Preservation Commission

History 1 year ago: Deferred 2 years ago: Deferred

1. Scope of the Study

a. What are the key elements of the study?

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 nonresidential 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.

In 2013, the Heritage Preservation Commission requested the addition of the following language to clarify the intent of the study: "The study could be used as a marketing tool and bring further awareness of Sunnyvale's key role in the development of Silicon Valley through the recognition of certain locations where technological and industrial innovations have occurred."

b. What precipitated this study?

The Heritage Preservation Commission sponsored the study during a meeting in 2011 after a discussion of notable commercial buildings throughout the City. Since a study had been recently completed of residential neighborhoods, recognition of non-residential structures and locations was considered worth further study. Although related to another previously considered study, Commissioners have noted that this study could recognize certain locations in Sunnyvale where historic technological events have taken place.

c. Is this a multiple year project? No Planned Completion Year 2014

2. Fiscal Impact

a. Cost to Conduct Study

i. Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost)
Major Moderate Minor

ii. Amount of funding above current budget required \$ 25,000

Will seek budget supplement Will seek grant funding

iii. Explanation of Cost:

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

b. Costs to Implement Study Results

- No cost to implement.
- Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.
- Some cost to implement. Explanation: There may be additional consultant costs if properties identified in the study are determined to need further historic evaluation.

3. **Expected participation in the process**

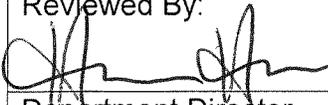
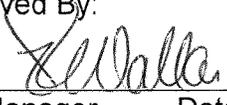
- Council-approved work plan
- Council Study Session
- Board/Commission Review by

Heritage Preservation Commission

4. **Staff Recommendation**

a. Position: Defer

b. Explanation: A comprehensive study has not been conducted since the 1990s 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. Staff is recommending deferral of the focused study due to budget constraints.

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