



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

15-0059

Agenda Date: 1/30/2015

2015 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

LCS 15-03

TITLE Consider Development of Teen Center

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Library & Community Services
Support Department: Department of Public Works

Sponsor(s):

Councilmembers: Meyering, Hendricks, Davis

History:

1 year ago: N/A
2 years ago: N/A

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

This study would research the feasibility of establishing a dedicated space for a teen center in Sunnyvale. Staff would research successful models for teen centers in other communities. With assistance from the Teen Advisory Committee, staff would also survey middle and high school teens and adults to determine what the existing needs and interests are for a teen center.

What precipitated this study?

This study issue was proposed by a member of the public in response to a perceived need for the creation of a centrally located and dedicated space for a teen center in Sunnyvale. The member of the public stated that due to a lack of a movie theatre and other traditional amenities for teens he felt there were not enough places for teen to meet.

Planned Completion Year: 2015

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost to Conduct Study

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$ 0

Funding Source: N/A

Explanation of Cost: N/A

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.

Explanation of Cost: N/A

EXPECTED PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS

Council-approved work plan: No

Council Study Session: No

Reviewed by Boards/Commissions: Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Position: Defer

Explanation: Two existing capital improvement projects are pending, a possible new Main Library and a branch library. Staff recommends that consideration of providing a space for a dedicated teen center be studied in the larger context of these projects. In the meantime, staff proposes to continue its partnerships and outreach in support of teen programming, through the use of shared sites including the library, schools and parks and through the City-sponsored Teen Advisory Committee

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