



City of Sunnyvale

Agenda Item

16-0349

Agenda Date: 2/3/2017

2017 COUNCIL STUDY ISSUE

NUMBER

LCS 17-01

TITLE Consider Development of a Teen Center and Other Spaces Dedicated to Teens in Sunnyvale

BACKGROUND

Lead Department: Library and Community Services

Support Department(s): Public Works, Community Development

Sponsor(s):

Board/Commission: Parks and Recreation Commission

History:

1 year ago: N/A

2 years ago: Dropped

SCOPE OF THE STUDY

What are the key elements of the study?

Unlike the study issue that was dropped in 2015, this study issue would require a more comprehensive approach to address the Commission's request. It would not only research the feasibility of establishing dedicated space for teens, it would also identify how other cities address the needs of teens programmatically. Research would be conducted of successful models for teen centers and other teen spaces in addition to assessing target markets within the Sunnyvale teen population. The following components would be included in the study:

- Demographic data and needs of Sunnyvale teens and their parents/guardians
- Bench marking data from teen centers within other communities
- Capital and operating costs
- Staffing models
- Optimal locations for dedicated teen spaces, taking into consideration feasible transportation options for those who do not drive
- Exploration of possible partners
- Social service programs and other programs/activities provided at Teen Centers and other teen spaces.
- Onsite security considerations and neighborhood impact

With assistance from the Teen Advisory Committee, a survey of middle and high school teens and their parents/guardians to assess their interest in a teen center and other spaces would also be conducted.

What precipitated this study?

The study issue was proposed by a member of the public at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 10, 2016 and approved by commissioners at that meeting. The member of the public stated that in light of several neighboring cities having teen centers and public facilities such as movie theaters and malls he felt there were not enough locations in Sunnyvale for teens to socialize in a safe environment. In addition, at their March 9, 2016 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed and approved several key elements that are identified in this document.

Planned Completion Year: 2017

FISCAL IMPACT**Cost to Conduct Study**

Level of staff effort required (opportunity cost): Moderate

Amount of funding above current budget required: \$50,000

Funding Source: Will seek budget supplement

Explanation of Cost: Consultant fees to conduct research, community needs assessment including facilitation of community meetings and surveys, facility scenarios, program recommendations, and submission of formal reports and project updates.

Cost to Implement Study Results

Unknown. Study would include assessment of potential costs.

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: Staff recommends deferring this item until consideration of dedicating space for teens is assessed through the current civic center modernization process. Two years ago, the City Council dropped Study Issue LCS 15-03 with discussion indicating that the community would have an opportunity to express their interest in a teen center through the Civic Center Modernization process.

In the meantime, staff will continue to provide teen programs and activities at the community center, library, schools and parks and through continued engagement of teens through events created by the City-sponsored Teen Advisory Committee.

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