The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission adjourned at 6:50 p.m. from a special joint study session in City Hall West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, regarding FY 11/12 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan.

RECEPTION
Commissioners and staff joined in a reception in recognition of the Commissioners’ service.

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING -7:15
The Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission met in a special joint meeting in City Hall West Conference Room at 7:15 p.m. with P&R Commission Vice Chair Pochowski presiding.

CALL TO ORDER
P&R Commission Vice Chair Pochowski called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG
P&R Commission Vice Chair Pochowski and Arts Commission Chair Obrey led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL – Parks & Recreation Commission
Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Robert Pochowski
Commissioner Howard Chuck
Commissioner Robert Harms

Commissioners Absent: Chair Jim Colvin
Commissioner Kinder

Chair Colvin notified the Commissioners and Assistant to the Director Merrill in advance of the meeting that he would be absent. Commissioner Kinder notified Assistant to the Director Merrill in advance of the meeting that he would be absent. “Absences from special meetings shall be recorded but shall not be classified as excused or unexcused,” according to Council Policy 7.2.19. No action was required by the Commission.

ROLL CALL – Arts Commission
Commissioners Present: Chair Robert Obrey
Vice Chair Noelle Hughes
Commissioner Vinita Karun
Commissioner Tara Martin-Milius
Commissioner Tracy Seto

Commissioners Absent: None

Kita Greenberg and Cheryl Anton, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA), provided interpretive services for Arts Commissioner Seto.

Staff Present: Director of Library and Community Services Lisa Rosenblum
Assistant Director of Public Works Mark Rogge
Superintendent of Parks & Golf Scott Morton
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of April 13, 2011, Special Joint Meeting of Parks & Recreation Commission and Arts Commission Meeting

Parks & Recreation Commission

MOTION: Commissioner Chuck moved and Commissioner Harms seconded to approve Consent Item 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. (Chair Colvin and Commissioner Kinder were absent.)

1.B. Approval of Draft Minutes of May 3, 2011, Special Arts Commission Meeting

Arts Commission

MOTION: Commissioner Martin-Milius moved and Commissioner Hughes seconded to approve Consent Item 1.B. as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PRESENTATION
Lisa Rosenblum, Director of Library and Community Services, spoke of her enthusiasm to be working with the Commissioners and thanked them for their exceptional service to the City and the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. MOTION FY 11/12 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan

Assistant to the Director Merrill said that the FY 11/12 recommended budget was reviewed and Commissioners’ questions were answered in the joint study session but that staff was still available if there were any further questions.

Commissioners’ questions were answered regarding indoor Recreation Center bleacher replacement, Sunnyvale Middle School pool renovation, and park building rehabilitation.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed.
Arts Commission

MOTION: Commissioner Hughes moved and Commissioner Seto seconded to recommend that Council approve the FY 11/12 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

Parks & Recreation Commission

MOTION: Commissioner Harms moved and Commissioner Chuck seconded to recommend that Council approve the FY 11/12 Recommended Budget and Resource Allocation Plan as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. (Commissioners Colvin and Kinder were absent.)

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

STAFF ORAL COMMENTS
Assistant to the Director Merrill presented Commissioner Tara Martin-Milius with a certificate in recognition of her valuable service to Council, the City, and the community.

ARTS COMMISSION ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 p.m.

After a brief recess, the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting continued.

2.A. MOTION Budget Supplement No. 2 - Expand Care Management Program at the Senior Center

Casual Manager Jenny Shain was available to answer questions. There were no questions from the Commissioners.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Harms moved to recommend that Council accept Alternative 1, Approve funding to support a full-time Care Management Program at the Sunnyvale Senior Center consisting of increased annual General Fund contribution to the Community Recreation Fund of $59,090. This does not assume successful receipt of a grant of $20,000 from the COA, since funding is not guaranteed.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Commissioner Chuck moved and Commissioner Pochowski seconded to recommend that Council accept staff’s recommendation Alternative 4, Do not approve Budget Supplement No. 2 and continue the Care Management Program at its current one quarter-time level funding.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. (Commissioners Colvin and Kinder were absent.)

Vice Chair Pochowski said the Commission does not know what reduction in programs and services would have to be given up in order to support a full-time Care Management Program.
3. MOTION Cupertino Middle School Open Space Master Plan Revision

Parks Superintendent Scott Morton presented the staff report. He said the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) is requesting the relocation of an existing youth baseball field to make room for the placement of four to six portable classrooms that are needed due to increasing enrollments at Cupertino Middle School. The proposed project, which would have limited impact to the public recreational use of the open space and sports field, would reduce the amount of athletic field use by about 11,000 sq. ft. and would be completed by fall 2011. The revised master plan must be approved by both City Council and the CUSD Board. Superintendent Morton said if CUSD’s request was denied, the short-term protection of ¼ acre could possibly have consequences to the City/School joint use agreement.

Superintendent Morton introduced Mr. Rick Hausman, Chief Business Officer, CUSD, and Mr. Rick Pomeroy, Director of Facility Modernization, CUSD.

Commissioner Harms said that CUSD is putting the City up against a wall in regards to taking away open space and possible consequences to the City/School joint use agreement. Mr. Hausman responded that Sunnyvale is an attractive community with attractive educational resources, and the school district needs space to educate. He said CUSD has and will continue to have a collaborative and amicable relationship with the City.

Commissioners’ questions were answered regarding physical education programs, athletic after-school programs, dramatic increase in school enrollments, and private schools.

Mr. Hausman said CUSD would like to preserve as much open space as possible. He stated that the increase in enrollments is growing by about 50-100 students per year, and within three years the enrollment is forecast to be 1,600 students. The proposed expansion will accommodate students for the next three years and will allow time for CUSD to plan for additional enrollments. He said they would like to go to a two-story configuration and additional infrastructure; however, they need time to determine the possible options—school bond, reboundaring, or shifting students. He stated the CUSD will work with the City and Parks and Recreation.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Chuck moved and Commissioner Harms seconded to recommend that Council accept staff’s recommendation Alternative No. 1: Approve the Proposed Master Plan for Cupertino Middle School open space per Attachment A of the report.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. (Commissioners Colvin and Kinder were absent.)

4. MOTION Draft Report to Commission—Morse Avenue Park Conceptual Design

Parks Superintendent Scott Morton presented the staff report and a brief overview of the conceptual design, theme and name for a new park development. He said SSA Landscape Architects, Inc. was awarded the design contract. The conceptual design proposed for the park is an ocean theme and the suggested name is “Seven Seas Park,” both of which were supported by the community at public meetings. Superintendent Morton stressed that this a conceptual design; the required elements may look different than they appear now, and the alternative elements may be modified or removed from the final design due to space or costs.

Superintendent Morton introduced Ms. Allison Hobbs and Mr. Steve Sullivan, SSA Landscape Architects, Inc. Mr. Sullivan said the conceptual plan was prepared according to neighborhood park design guidelines. Their presentation included slides showing the project description, site remediation
process, site remediation cleanup, park design process, environmental approval process, park construction, neighborhood aerial, neighborhood markers, sustainability strategies and guidelines, minimum resources and additional resources. Commissioners’ questions were answered satisfactorily.

Commissioner Harms asked if the neighbors feel an affinity to the suggested name. Superintendent Morton said the number one proposed name by the public was “Seven Seas Park,” and the name ties in with the ocean theme and the Tasman Gateway Markers which have ocean murals.

Commissioners’ questions were answered regarding the age of children living in the area, restrooms, church parking, adequate parking, walking distance from most neighborhoods in the area, trails leading to neighborhood areas, and the John W. Christian Greenbelt connection to surrounding areas.

Assistant Director of Public Works Mark Rogge thanked Superintendent Morton and said the result of the conceptual design indicates a great process and hard work.

Commissioner Chuck requested a copy of the presentation by SSA Architects. Superintendent Morton said he would provide copies for all Commissioners.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Krishanu, member of the public, said he lives in the neighborhood and asked the Commission to consider recommending that a full basketball court be added, instead of a half court.

Superintendent Morton responded that the input from community meetings is already reflected in the conceptual plan.

The Public Hearing was closed.

MOTION: Commissioner Chuck moved and Vice Chair Pochowski seconded to recommend that Council accept staff’s recommendation Alternatives 1 and 3.

- Alternative No. 1: Approve the conceptual design and ocean theme at Morse Avenue Park, as noted on Attachment A.
- Alternative No. 3: Approve the name of Seven Seas Park for Morse Avenue Park

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. (Commissioners Colvin and Kinder were absent.)

Commissioner Harms said he did not particularly care for the name “Seven Seas Park” but voted in favor of the motion because public input was strongly in support of the name.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER ORAL COMMENTS

STAFF ORAL COMMENTS
Assistant to the Director Merrill reminded Commissioners to complete the fiscal year-end satisfaction survey and return to staff.

Assistant to the Director Merrill asked for volunteers to present the Commission’s recommendations to Council on June 7 and June 14, 2011. No Commissioners were available to present to Council. Vice Chair Pochowski will let staff know if he becomes available.
Assistant to the Director Merrill said tonight was her last meeting with the Commissions. Superintendent Steward will be the new staff liaison. Superintendent Morton will be back-up staff liaison. She acknowledged Administrative Aide Karen Smith for her behind the scenes support. Assistant to the Director Merrill said she has had a very good experience working with the Commissioners and is very grateful for all their support and commitment to volunteering.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS
Staff Liaison Written Report
Customer Satisfaction Survey
Update #6 Regarding Morse Avenue Park Site Development – Information Only
Arts+ Brochure, Summer 2011 (Arts Commission)

ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Smith, Administrative Aide
Department of Library and Community Services

Reviewed by:

Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director
Department of Public Works

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