SEVEN SEAS PARK GRAND OPENING

WHAT: Seven Seas Park Grand Opening Ceremony

WHEN: 10 a.m., Saturday, July 12

WHERE: 1010 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale

WHO: Sunnyvale Mayor Jim Griffith and Councilmembers; Public Works Department Director Kent Steffens; Representatives from the contractor, landscape architect and artist

ACTIVITIES: Speeches, Ribbon-cutting, Free guided sports activities for children ages 9 – 12, Light refreshments

PARKING: Available at park and behind 539 E. Weddell

BACKGROUND: Seven Seas – Sunnyvale’s newest and 21st neighborhood park – is truly a 21st century facility showcasing the latest design features to maximize play value and sustainability. The Park’s impressive sea-themed play structures include a large boat with sea monster slide, numerous climbing rocks embedded with sea creatures, a seaweed-shaped splash park and imaginative play elements incorporating vibrant colors, music, games and sports. Sustainability features prominently as well with subsurface irrigation, LED pathway lighting, bioswales to maximize water retention on site, drought tolerant plants and re-use of the splash park water for landscape irrigation.

Seven Seas is the first City-developed neighborhood park (3 to 8 acres) since Encinal Park was dedicated in 1987 in north Sunnyvale. The public helped plan for, design and name the new 5.3-acre park which was constructed by Robert A. Bothman, Inc. at a cost of approximately $4.9 million using the City’s Park Dedication Fund.

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PARK SPECIFICATIONS:

- Sea-themed play areas
- More than an acre of open play space
- Splash park
- Tennis and half basketball courts
- Restroom facilities, water fountains, benches, and picnic tables
- Enclosed dog park
- Walking/running trails
- Sustainable materials and drought-tolerant landscaping
- Public art installation titled “Under the Umbrella” by Arteclettica (installed late summer 2014)