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Currently parking space occupies ~ 41% of the land use. Would it be better if we can build a multi-story parking structure so that more parking space can be converted to build additional buildings (library, other Sunnyvale city offices, etc.)?
- lots of green, established green space
- great the way it is

* spacious of space is positive

* teen center

* library expansion

* landscape is great, take advantage of what's there

* expansion of ice rink

* Community Garden is great

* Police Safety relocated to make room for park

* playgrounds, picnic areas

* existing open space is well used

ESU 1
Parking could be reduced? or consolidated with less area

- keep the land!
- keep the trees!
- expand library toward Office Center
- passive spaces are good
- maker/outdoor connections
- Open green space aesthetically important spiritually
- big in our statement that "open space wasn't usable"
- hard to place could be reduced by utilizing on ground parking
- keep green spaces
- kids park
- need more park space
- indoor/outdoor spaces for library
- Maintain Community Garden
- currently well used on weekends
- more centralized to site (Community Center)
- or, relocated to Community Center
not a feeling of overcrowding

gathering site somewhere in City, if not at C.C.

not necessarily a need for a children's function

Not MANHATTAN!

more visible connections

library plaza is one of the better parts of the site

keep.

keep 2nd and 3rd chapter of buildings, site
next to gym building.

landscape determines future branch library

more open space, specifically around library.
- Separation between City and Community uses a site
- Maintain open space grand buildings
- No higher than 3 stories
- Keep C.G. as is
- Is below ground parking an option?
- Accommodate functions primarily over bringing more people
- Electrical at open space
- More connection to downtown
like that there's plenty of parking
like the buildings are set back from street
keep library tree quiet (no playground adjacent)
move non-essential functions off the site
no tree removal
- too much parking
- the City NEEDS the existing green space
- public art, plazas
- more walking paths
- plenty of parking already
- more dense buildings to increase open space
- plazas to sit, contemplate, read, eat lunch
- set back multi-story parking of building to maintain one story feel
- exercise stations
- protect Community Garden
- maintain flexible space for future needs
- keep slate & library
• Maintain/create places for uses to interact w/ outdoor spaces

• City should be purchasing land, not selling - for parks, etc.

• Small scale servers

• Spaces that can accommodate larger events, but not permanently designed for it

• Brick is valuable

• Connect outdoor spaces

• Walking paths

• Look into changing off Olive

• Bike lanter, bike path

• Diversify transportation options
+ more park/faculty activities
- convert some area into city park
- pavilion for events
- visible community functions from outside
+ LEED platinum city hall at
  - near Dairy - not renovated
+ more identity
- more density to allow more open space
+ gallery spaces
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Comments: Don't move the library!

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Comments: PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE LIBRARY.
PLEASE DO NOT "LINK-IN" THE LIBRARY

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Comments: Charles Moore

The library should _not_ be moved to the Community Center site.

It needs to be about where it is: closet to Downtown, bus service, walking distance to residential areas with lots of children. For example, there is a large concentration of families with small children in the area around Washington Park and area to Westcrest. My 5-year-old grandson has walked here for several years.
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Comments:

"Cutting" of library books
One of purposes of a public library is home books that are not readily available elsewhere even if they are not frequently checked out by they may be used at the library. Such as out of print books, reference books for info even Google doesn't do a good job of finding them.

Elaine Menery

Comments:

meeting rooms, projectors, mics, podiums available, free or low affordable rent
internet, computers, main library, let's make
parking, more materials, yet still access to books. Santa Clara Library is a great example - aesthetic, parking, safe, several stories, energy efficient
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Comments:
- ADD A BRANCH LIBRARY
- MAKE ORIGINAL TWO STORIES
- Conference rooms & offices on second floor
- Dedicate first floor to public with more access to outside areas - with seating
- Separate children's area - Keep adult area quiet
- Cleanable upholstery in library
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Name (Optional)  Minne Henke

Comments: What's the status of the branch library? What impact on main library? When creating a design & budget, separate functions into 2 categories - those promoting literacy & all others. Donor's, terminals, meeting spaces really need to be co-located? Should the library house a shop seen by the Friends or the new foundation to increase revenue stream? What is the role of the new Foundation? Capital project only or ongoing expenses.
Floor space allocation - too much currently tied up with table seating. Are the reference books at the low counters used enough to be on the floor or could they be stored elsewhere and produced on request? The programs & computers tie up parking. Parking space turnover much longer than for those checking out materials. Perhaps separate parking arrangements for short trips vs. long trips users.

Library space currently the only informal public gathering place we have. Needs plan should include study if either will change if & when the downtown ever gets going again.

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- Would like to see more of future generation at these meetings


- don't like moving Library
- worst idea

* add can add, but don't destroy
  * if move, this area will not have a library in 2mi.

* works - great book collection
  * wonderful meetings/programs

* not enough room for larger events

* fantastic online presence + app
  * e-book borrowing + online collection
  * increase physical juvenile collection
  * like quiet room w/ stained glass
  * like not too noisy here
  * sustainable co-working space like Sandbox
  * add this
- coworking
  - revenue source
- good location
- high demand
- meeting rooms - for student study (free)
  - non-profits
  - reservable
  - had before
  - contain noise
  - small study groups
  - free
- maintain parking availability
- City shuttle serving library esp. for non-drivers
- need sufficient bandwidth
- task lighting + power outlets
- satellite library (branch)
- enough wifi
* ADA - restrooms
* concerned that entire population is not geographically close
- Idea of branch near high-density housing like Vancouver has + other shopping (storefront library)

- Improve image, reputation
  - More all inclusive
  - Not segregated
  - All together - like now, good (together in community)

- Keep big open space inside library

- Like coffee shop (like Cupertino)

+ FOL store in library

- Outdoor garden area for reading

+ Joint-use w/ public schools or colleges

- Help w/ homeless, handle situation properly

- Purchase request, more variety
like lunch statue

library expansion should be at a branch location, not here
- maybe two branches?
- library is more for kids, needs to be close so can walk
- have lots of books, esp chapter books
- recycle
- places to sit + read
- brighter more inviting space
- don't want to move it
- like natural setting, garden setting
- better air circulation
- location is good
- place for meetings - talk about issue
- improve A/V + computer connection
- modernize interior, but exterior good
- like passive space, but use for reading areas
- larger bathrooms + cleaner
- more quiet areas + places to sit
- there will be limits
- cafe could be a food truck
- some spaces may just need chairs for reading
- don't just expand + add, be careful
- accommodate variety of needs
- don't want to have worst library
- surprised this is worst
  - maybe just numbers
  - people say they prefer this library
- a well loved library
+ Values of moving
  - ease transition
  - more room on site there
  - more flexibility
  - civic center needs land
  - grouping of use
  - consider satellite @ comm ctr
- Sunnyvale is growing, need to address
- need a janitor
- good children's section
- feels good here
  - see H.S students together
  - location
  - open space
  - convergence of ppl
  - cozy
  - not big glass box
  - place for learning, work, play
  - garden outside
- intimate gardens in middle, endearing
- library is perfect
  - here various times, haven't seen problems
  - really works
  - feel is more important than fancy amenities
- modern arch doesn't make ppl feel good
- library needs to support relationships
  between ppl, variety of use w/o bothering each other
- plan needs to incorporate + coordinate
  w/ North side
- prefer update over brand new for cost reasons
- more reading electronic, how change
- Why does library need to change?
  - interested in adding chrome books
    - small
    - cost efficient
    - good for students
    - check out as resource at library
- maintain library as place for books + media as well as new, balance
  like being able to browse collection
- cull collection, more purchase of high demand items, less waiting list
- library foundation should get $ from corporations
- keep depth of collection, not too content
- balanced collection
- tables in a departments w/ plugs
- drive-thru book pick-up
- home delivery
- larger computer work area, often full
  - need more my space ← wonderful
    - free
    - study
    - 10-12 ppl
    - 3-4 ppl
- more green space w/easy access
  - w/chairs + benches, multiple only
- ability to have comp. classes
- collection: materials for elem. school work
  - school support materials, up to date
- prefer addition instead of new
- don't want to tear down something functional
- don't move to comm. ctr II
- idea of 2-story addition
- library is more than books, character
  - need a good reason to move
- coffee shop
- more branches instead of bigger
- there is a lunch time librarian program at schools
- arrangement between library and schools as alternate to branches
- good to have library near other civic buildings
- important for library to be neutral, library being able to control its own policies
- place for community to come together, planned or spontaneous, encourage physical presence
- if not broken, don't fix
- Like library has always served needs
  - great book and collection
  - after hours return
- More librarians accessible for help
  (Some better than others)
- Well labeled, easy to find thing
- Hoopla (online) borrow online
- More quiet study space or work in small groups
- Like to browse, discover
- Environment gives peace of mind
- Place for collaboration
- Partner w/ other libraries - link plus
- Can submit purchase request
- Like lunch sculpture
- Like character
- Good, computers, books, don't need new
- Access to more recent material online
+ place for focused work
  - research
  - computers
  - book
  - small groups
- small group project work, collaborate
- library, not Starbucks
- open social space - better outside needs to be functional inside
- seating outside,
- other places are for socializing
- priority on collection + meeting space
- priority on books
- value employees, retain talent
- mix of functional + social
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Comments: Public Safety - need upgrade badly, new facilities w/ technology, training, training rooms, communication infopanel. I did SWAP training. I was surprised how old it was and how communities need to be more aesthetically pleasing, need more space & quality meeting rooms & technology.

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Comments: I like that the Police/Fire is "set back" from Olive Ave. Future Police car access should only be on El Camino Real - NOT Olive Ave. I live on Olive Ave, and police constantly race down Olive w/ sirens blaring in the middle of the night. We need to keep police OFF Olive, unless servicing our neighborhood.
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Comments:  CITY HALL - high tech able to host all types of community activities I record on video, screens you can read, more seating, comfortable seats, good view from seats, good sound system, more parking.

2nd floor services - more room, internet access, more communication to residents. Able to get permits within 1-5 days. Rooms available for rent at a fairly low price $90-95 per...
City hall & public safety

Public safety was easy to find - made pet payment
location is convenient - PS.

City hall - making payments is easy
centrally located - Planning - One Stop
geographically central to so

Continued to be govt. center in future

More diverse and center of city rather than outer limits
Golden Triangle - central

Give are used as fast path of travel for P.S. future

CHPS 1
* Emergency operation center @ central location is good
* Keep PS. in central Su-awareness of it being part of govt. center - would keep it central and visible
* moving it would need to be about efficiency
* visibility is important - presence
* CC should attract people to gather in a space

create more reasons to interact w/ P.S. - awareness
- Online presence is good - no need to visit
- Consolidate city staff/services in one building for efficiency
- Some services at a future city hall
  
  Add a DMV branch at CC - would add traffic people don't want

PS. - **Response time is important**

  - Non-emergency call in number
  - Good community involvement - positive reinforcement
  - Improve interface at front desk entry

- Keep PS on site if possible

- Consolidate at a satellite location - evidence

- Core yard harder for public to find

  - Better organized

- NX Communication about road closures - public safety - keep this
evidence storage @ Corp yard
PS should be easily accessible to public - should be located @ CE
more welcoming lobby
Uses council chambers - needs to be updated - not enough overflow need public meeting rooms

One stop not obvious - need more space
Consider future tech needs
* Use more online Interface for city, grit and community

Basement training room was inadequate and inadequate
City staff is doing a good job
* Submit and review drawing electronically - bandwidth too limited this

* Don't duplicate functions at community center @ CC
* Future facility should be able to handle a big emergency

Consider any loss of services to the community if PS moves
Loss of centralized resources should be considered

Keep PS on site for ease of resident access
* Consider adjacencies to CC functions

* Combine all city functions in one building to maximize open space
non-essentials such as gas station move off-site - contract with "no co...

use council chambers - chairs are worn out and need replacing... good at council meetings - access to council chambers are a good size.
- good access to people in offices - not behind locked doors
- improve AV at council chambers
- is it about having a bigger government? will this raise taxes and crime?

- one step is essential to keep
- keep services all together - adjacent

keep co-functions at one space - and other functions close by.
accessing city services by phone or in person is difficult.
P.S. - storage can be off-site
* large meeting room function at P.S. is important.
* need large meeting space independent of P.S. and does not leave CC area.

all meeting spaces need better AV - video and over internet.

CHPS 6
fund maintenance for CC now and in future

* what are demographics for future growth of suva yale? Use this information for planning.
More study is needed to determine if PS should move to Corp yard - general feeling is to keep it @ CC

-don't grow for growth sake -