



ANDERSON BRULÉ ARCHITECTS

**SUNNYVALE CIVIC CENTER MODERNIZATION**  
**Community Workshop #1**  
**Agenda**

**MEETING DATE:** April 25, 2015  
**MEETING TIME:** 9 AM – 12 noon  
**LOCATION:** Sunnyvale Library Program Room

**REGARDING:** Meeting Agenda  
**ABA PROJECT #:** 14-1201-1

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Opening Introduction**
- A. Project Overview
  - B. Process Map – Summary of Community Outreach

- II. Topic Stations**
- A. Format
    - 1. Topic Stations
    - 2. 20 Minute Rotations
    - 3. 4 Stations of Your Choice
  - B. Topic Stations
    - 1. Identity of Sunnyvale
    - 2. Vision & Success Criteria
    - 3. Exterior Site Uses
    - 4. Library
    - 5. City Hall & Public Safety

**III. Key Findings**

**IV. Comments**



# Sunnyvale Civic Center Modernization

## Phase A.2 - Needs Assessment

### Community Workshop #1

SUNNYVALE  
CITY HALL

April 25, 2015





# Context, Purpose, & Intended Results

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| ▪ Opening Introduction (15 min)    | 9:00 – 9:15    |
| ▪ Topic Stations (1 hr 45 min)     | 9:15 – 11:00   |
| ▪ Key Findings & Comments (25 min) | 11:00 – 11:25  |
| ▪ Closing (5 min)                  | 11:25 – 11:30  |
| ▪ Tours (30 min)                   | 11:30 -12 noon |



# Opening Introduction

Project Overview

Process Map – Summary of Community Outreach

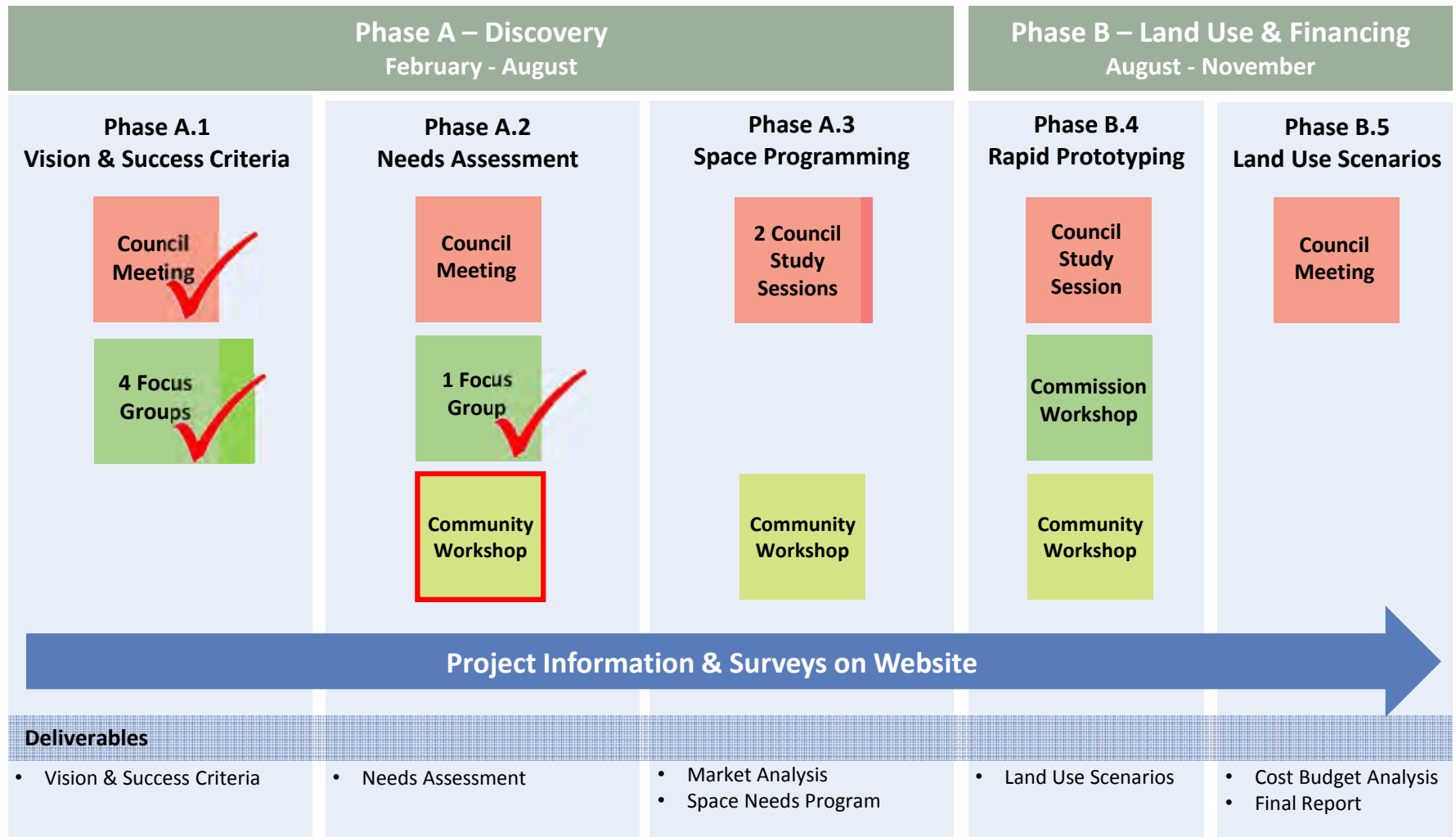


# Project Overview

- **Phase A – Discovery** (February – August)
  - Phase A.1 - Vision & Success Criteria
  - Phase A.2 - Needs Assessment
  - Phase A.3 – Programming (*Space Needs*)
  
- **Phase B – Land Use & Financing** (August – November)
  - Phase B.4 – Rapid Prototyping (*Big-Picture, Quick, Site Planning*)
  - Phase B.5 – Land Use Scenarios



# Process Map – Summary of Community Outreach





# Topic Stations

## ■ Format

- Topic Stations
- 20 Minute Rotations
- 4 Stations of Your Choice

## ■ Topic Stations

- #1 - Identity of Sunnyvale
- #2 - Vision & Success Criteria
- #3 - Exterior Site Uses
- #4 - Library
- #5 - City Hall & Public Safety
- #6 - Plan B – Library Tour







# Key Findings



# Comments



# Closing

## ■ Next Steps

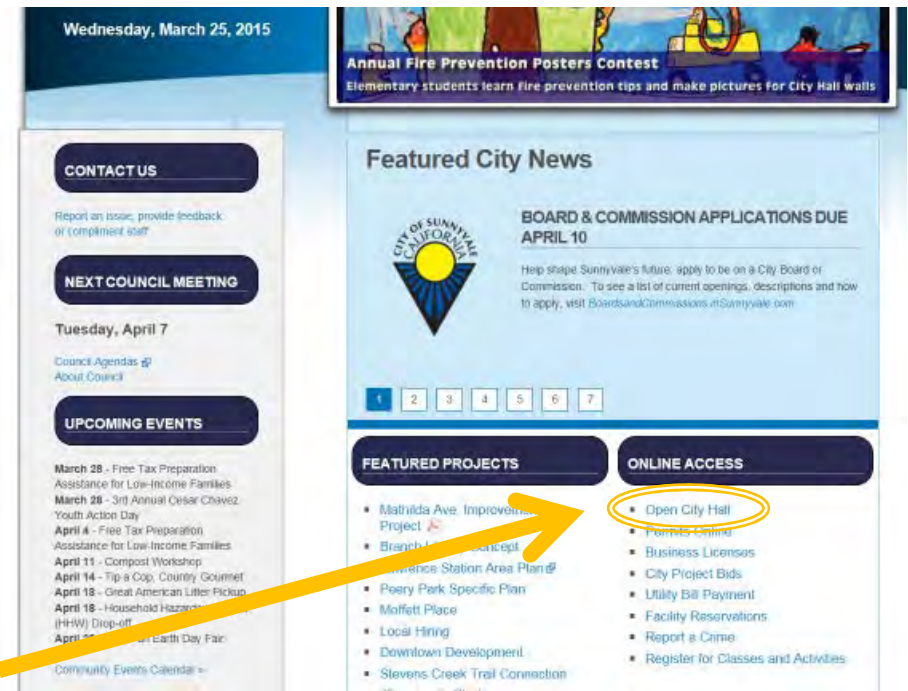
- Council Meeting - May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Community Workshop #2 - July TBD

## ■ Feedback

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Check Out  
Open City Hall



<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/>



# Tours

- Depart from the Library Plaza
- City Hall
- Public Safety Headquarters
- Sunnyvale Office Center
- Library



Thank You



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## MEETING MINUTES

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### I. Opening Introduction

- A. Project Overview
- B. Process Map – Summary of Community Outreach

### II. Topic Stations

- A. Topic Stations
  - 1. Identity of Sunnyvale
  - 2. Vision & Success Criteria
    - a) What is your vision for the future Sunnyvale Civic Center?
    - b) What values should the Sunnyvale Civic Center reflect?
    - c) What key words would you use to describe success for the future Sunnyvale Civic Center?
    - d) Definitions
      - 1) Vision (noun) - an inspiring description of what you would like to achieve or accomplish in the future. It serves as a clear guide for choosing courses of action.
      - 2) Success Criteria (noun) - the standards that the project will strive to attain and by which options will be evaluated.
  - 3. Exterior Site Uses
    - a) What functions/uses do you believe should be provided at this site?
    - b) What exterior site uses for the Civic Center do you believe would be the most valuable to the community?
  - 4. Library

- a) What do you appreciate about the services you receive? What is working well?
- b) What would you like to be able to do or have access to at the library, but currently cannot?
- c) One idea under consideration is moving the library to the community center site. What do you think of this idea?
- 5. City Hall & Public Safety
  - a) What do you value about the services you receive at City Hall? What is working well?
  - b) What services do you envision being available at the future City Hall?
  - c) What are the most important things for the future Public Safety facility to have or do?
  - d) One possibility under consideration is moving the Public Safety facility to the City's Corporation Yard, what do you think of this idea?
- B. Public Comment
  - 1. Flipchart and comment cards from each station are attached at the end of this meeting report

### III. Key Findings

- A. Vision and Success Criteria
  - 1. Summary
    - a) Nearly all community workshop participants envision a new civic center that represents the identity & values of Sunnyvale.
    - b) There is a diversity of opinion about what is Sunnyvale's identity & values.
- B. Connectivity
  - 1. Many participants expressed a vision for a civic center that serves (in various ways) to connect people & functions & areas within the city.
  - 2. For some, this meant creating spaces that bring people to the civic center site.
  - 3. For some, it meant programs, architecture & a land use plan that extends (& influences) beyond the site.
  - 4. For some, it was a civic center that integrates with & promotes effective transit & transportation systems.
- C. Experience
  - 1. In various ways, many participants expressed a vision for a civic center that makes people feel good.
  - 2. For some, this meant valuing & promoting peaceful, green & open spaces over built space.
  - 3. For some, this meant land use & buildings that promote a small town identity for Sunnyvale.
  - 4. For some, this meant a "nice place that is functional" with "welcoming buildings".
- D. Efficiency & Performance
  - 1. Many participants expressed a vision for a civic center communicates a city government that is efficient, effective & of the 21st century.
  - 2. Model for sustainability
- E. Balance
  - 1. Many participants expressed a vision for a civic center that represents the balance of identities & values of the people of Sunnyvale.
  - 2. A balance of open & built spaces
  - 3. A balance of low profile & higher profile buildings
  - 4. A balance of city services & community resources
- F. Exterior Site Use
  - 1. Summary:
    - a) Generally content with current land use & services with some exceptions
  - 2. Open Space
    - a) Many highly value the existing green spaces & want to preserve it
    - b) Many value the passive/informal nature of these green spaces
    - c) Some would like to activate them
    - d) Potential Site Amenities
    - e) Pathways through the site to better connect the buildings with the exterior spaces
    - f) Places to sit, read, eat lunch
    - g) Children's playground, (may be redundant to Washington Park)
    - h) Flexible open space that could be used for mid to large gatherings
    - i) Added services should be small in scale (consistent with buildings) & shouldn't be noisy

- j) Bike Lockers & bike paths that would better connect the neighborhood with the Civic Center site
- 3. Character / Material / Scale
  - a) Value the low-density, spread-out feel of the Civic Center buildings
  - b) They don't want to see any tall buildings or buildings that aren't substantially set back from the road
  - c) Many expressed how much they liked the aesthetic of the brick buildings
- 4. Community Garden
  - a) Most had a favorable view of the Community Garden as an appropriate use of the land
  - b) Some stressed the need to permanently protect it
- 5. Parking
  - a) Some felt amount of existing parking feels excessive
  - b) Some suggested other parking approaches
  - c) higher density parking (multi-level)
  - d) underground in order to free up land for more open space
- 6. Library
  - a) Branch or Satellite Locations
  - b) Address Community Library Service Needs with More Branch Locations
  - c) Explore Joint Use Opportunities with local Schools & Colleges
- 7. Meeting Rooms
  - a) Study Space
  - b) Non Profits
  - c) Co-working Space
  - d) Small to Medium Sized Groups
  - e) Reservable
  - f) Quiet or Collaborative Work
- 8. Improve technology amenities
  - a) Better Wi-Fi & Bandwidth
  - b) More Power Outlets
  - c) Task Lights at Tables
  - d) Chrome Books
  - e) Computer Area, Opportunity for Classes
- 9. Expand & Improve collections
  - a) Like Browsing Collection
  - b) More School Support Materials
  - c) More Popular Items
  - d) Keep Depth
- 10. Different Opinions of moving Library
  - a) Stay at Civic Center
  - b) Good connectivity to other City Services
  - c) Maintain geographic proximity
  - d) Move to Community Center Site
  - e) Synergy with Community Center Services
  - f) Free up room at Civic Center Site
  - g) Fewer Site Constraints
- 11. Restrooms
  - a) Accessible
  - b) Clean
  - c) Larger
  - d) Increase Quantity
- 12. Accommodate variety of needs
  - a) Quiet & Noisy
  - b) Social & Functional
  - c) Adult & Children
- 13. Build Community
  - a) Place to come together by plan or spontaneous
  - b) Support positive interactions & relationships



- 14. Renovation vs New
  - a) Based on assumptions about lower cost
  - b) Addition okay
- 15. Other Features
  - a) Drive-thru book drop & Home delivery
  - b) Café
  - c) Outdoor garden reading area
  - d) Friends of Library Store
  - e) Love “Out to Lunch” Sculpture
- 16. Atmosphere & Character
  - a) Like cozy welcoming feel
  - b) Appreciate Natural, Garden-like Setting
- 17. Sustainable, recycle
- 18. Neutral place for discussing & learning about issues
- 19. More /Larger Program/Event Space
- G. Public Safety
  - 1. Keep it At the Civic Center Site
    - a) Centrally Located
    - b) Visible to the Community
    - c) Easily Accessible
    - d) Maintain Adjacencies for Staff
    - e) Maintain Service Adjacencies for the Community
    - f) Moving to Corp. Yard Would Have to be about Improving Efficiencies
  - 2. Update Facilities
    - a) Technology
    - b) Workspace
  - 3. Legitimate EOC
    - a) Able to Handle Large Scale Emergencies
    - b) Central to the City
  - 4. Emergency Response Time
    - a) Maintain Current
    - b) Improve Future
  - 5. Current Services
    - a) Maintain
  - 6. Moving Public Safety to Corp. Yard
    - a) Consider Benefit of More Green Space at Civic Center Site
- H. City Hall
  - 1. History of City Hall Visits
    - a) Few in Numbers
    - b) Satisfied with Service
  - 2. Update Technology
    - a) Wi-Fi
    - b) Council Chambers
  - 3. Increase Online Interface
    - a) Electronic Plan Review
    - b) Consider Bandwidth Requirements
  - 4. Consider Efficiencies
    - a) Consolidate Staff
    - b) Consolidate Services

#### IV. Comments

- A. Strong consensus to remain green
- B. Great venue today, lots of opinions
- C. Building needs to last longer than 50 years, plan for future
- D. Underground parking vs parking structure?
- E. Concerns about adequacy of space for meeting
- F. Willingness to share meeting spaces, need to determine right amount and timing

- G. Status of branch library? Will we ever have it? What would be the impact?
- H. 60 years from now when buildings are old, what resources and example will they have?
- I. Would be unimaginable to tear down NYC library – eventually lose ability for everyone be next to each other, need to keep character for child
- J. Love to walk to library
- K. Land use – much currently devoted to surface parking – what else could be on site here (city service, restaurant) could be better use than parking, could keep green space
- L. Important to remember this is a big city – many feel this is a small town, now much larger
- M. Would love to see an international level LEED platinum City Hall, same for library
- N. Concern that cost for renovation almost as much as new
- O. Would like to see opportunity to plant more trees with different land use
- P. Where do you take visitors – sculpture, museum, restaurant, hiking
- Q. Interesting to hear most people here are happy with civic campus as is
- R. Need to realize cost of new, if people are happy with now – how to finance
- S. 21st century government – more online, change how we do things
- T. Library role changing dramatically, place for people to interact, maintain cozy atmosphere
- U. What are demographic projections for Sunnyvale? Place to work, live? City should have official projection for this
- V. To reach out to young kids, reach out to schools, perhaps teachers can organize discussions

**V. Closing**

- A. Next Steps
  - 1. Council Meeting - May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Community Workshop #2 - July TBD
- B. Feedback

***The above minutes reflect ABA's understanding of issues and assignments discussed at the meeting. Unless ABA is notified in writing of any discrepancies, the minutes will be considered an accurate record of the issues and assignments. Minutes produced from this meeting will be distributed for review and comment. If no written comments are received, the minutes will stand as the record of the conversations and directions given at the meeting.***



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Name (Optional) Parcey

Comments: children Books  
classes more



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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: provides more events (such as performance arts,



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Name (Optional) Linnsey Nil

Comments: You don't have enough space, so you're going to  
sell or lease land to get more space?

Reducing our public space is not acceptable. We have  
a lot of money coming in to our community, we can  
afford a new library without selling part of it. I'd much  
rather pay for a bond initiative.





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Comments: As downtown is built up with high density housing the library being in walking distance will grow more and more important. Additionally green space will also be @ a premium. I am in favor of the high density growth so long as a walking life style can be achieved. Otherwise what is the point of high density growth near a public transit center.



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Name (Optional) Linhsey Nil

Comments: Combining the Library & community center would increase overcrowding & lose us a public site.

A children's water area - fountain area, stream area for splashing.  
Fund project through community donations / crowd sourcing.  
Sell bricks w/ donor's names / message, <sup>can</sup> name parts of community garden, gazebo, etc.





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Name (Optional)

TIFFANYNAMWONG@GMAIL.COM TIFFANY@

SANDBOXSUITES.COM

Comments:

YOU\*ALREADY\* HAVE AN <sup>STARTUP/ENGINEERS</sup> ENTREPRENEUR USER BASE

THEY WILL PAY YOU FOR COWORKING SPACE

MEETING ROOM RENTALS

SELF-SUSTAINING BUSINESS  
COWORKING SPACE

PHONE BOOTH RENTALS

OLD FASHION LEASES  
DON'T WORK - PEOPLE  
WANT A DESK FOR THE DAY

WE OPENED IN  
SUNNYVALE AND HAD TO MOVE  
DUE TO BUILDING GETTING TORN DOWN

I CAN CONNECT  
YOU WITH MY  
BOSS



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Name (Optional)

MARK KAMINSKY

Comments:

PLEASE KEEP THE LIBRARY AT THE CIVIC CENTER,

FUND MAINTENANCE, NOW & IN THE FUTURE. BUILDINGS SHOULD  
LAST FOR MUCH MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS - PART OF THE  
CURRENT PROBLEM IS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.





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Name (Optional)

M. Landreth

Comments:

Success Criteria - Design should reflect  
Sunnyvale's suburban character. Buildings should  
be short (< 3 stories) with lots of open space.



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Name (Optional)

Mike Serrone

Comments:

Protected bike and pedestrian paths  
should be included in the design.

Keep the Community Garden





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Name (Optional) A. Yule

Comments: We love the location of the civic center.  
Please don't move it anywhere else.  
Updating is great. make all building connect.  
and good use of the green spaces Garden.  
amphite theater. play area are good.  
Thank you for having this workshop.  
so our voices could be heard.



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Name (Optional) D. Marks

Comments: No sale or lease of land!  
Keep layout as is - maybe  
replace some buildings  
Keep charm of CC!



4/25/15

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Name (Optional) Elaine Manley

Comments: Vision for Civic Center - aesthetic, easily  
accessible, something to be proud of, Easy to find,  
easy & plenty of parking, events held there,  
cool technology so the attendees experience is "I'm  
impressed" & "I love to go there"; energy efficient;  
Coordinated - if you are going for a building project,  
it has a natural flow from 1 department to the

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next instead of go to this place & then go  
all the way across to that place, etc. Should  
be efficient to get everything done that requires  
multiple departments.

Place for a variety of events - council  
meetings, resident meetings, place for neighborhood watch  
events, SNAP training, etc

make it accessible by bus or other mass transit.  
Put building closer to sidewalk w/ entrance from  
parking lot as well as sidewalk. Beautiful entrance, not  
hard to find & unappealing.



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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: connects El Camino Real  
with Down Town



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Name (Optional) Richard Wang

Comments: Leave more land for public use.  
Lease public land for long term also sucks!



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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't sell land  
Plan for future needs  
Use land effectively - lots of open space, setbacks, etc.





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Name (Optional) M. Landzaat

Comments: Success Criteria - ~~At least~~ Entire Civic Center  
is used to deliver city services or open space.  
**don't sell or lease land!**



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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Inspiring green space



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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Pedestrian get priority over cars





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Name (Optional)

Meriden Wendell

Comments:

The Center should house as many of the current functions as it can. It should continue to serve as an informal gathering place unless a better site can be found. It should preserve open space & mature plants. The bldgs should have a 40-50 year useful life based on best available demographic projections. It should maximize the sweet spot between bond success & construction costs. The project should be understandable to the public at large.



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Name (Optional)

John

Comments:

A place where I want to spend time because it has art work open spaces is easy to get to, to walk, to bike





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Name (Optional) Erin Jee

Comments: The "External" architecture and  
greenery is Beautiful! Much  
Better than that ugly "LinkedIn"  
Building.  
Please only modernize the  
interior not Exterior!



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Name (Optional) Stan Hewley

Comments: NO NEW TAXES!



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Name (Optional) Margaret Laura  
SUSTAINABLE

Comments: VISION- SPECTACULAR- Give Sunnyvale LEED PLATINUM

Buildings

VALUES- SUSTAINABILITY

SUCCESS of FUTURE- A PLACE WE CAN BE PROUD to  
show to visitors - An EXAMPLE FOR ~~OTHER~~ OTHER CITIES  
to FOLLOW.

SUCCESS CRITERIA- ~~STRONG~~ IDENTITY



# Vision + Success

①

- What's Broken? Why?
- Open Space + Greenery Used
  - \* Hardscape : Landscape proportions
- \* ~~NOT~~ Vertical Development? ~~24 floors~~
  - Balance with Open Space  $\frac{22}{1111} \frac{24}{1}$
- Status Quo
- Functional - NOT Distortacious
  - 21<sup>st</sup> C. vision of City Govt
  - Bricks + Mortar vs. Virtual Govt
- Site Links / connects to other parts of City Centre
  - Architecturally
  - Circulation
- Compare to other cities
- Look @ use of sites
- Community Acceptance + Pride

VSC 1

- Next Generation is part of Vision Team <sup>②</sup>
  - No Sale of Land
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- Take Advantage of Location of Current Site
- Sunnyvale Small Town Character is Preservation
  - Open Space / Setbacks
- Spectacular, Sustainable, Env. Sound "Wow!"
  - Project Outward
- In character with neighborhood



③

- Preserve What Exists
  - Fix what's not working
- Design Consider LT Implications
  - 2-3 stories (Height Standards)
  - Sets Tone for other developments
- Design has an architectural Character - Unique
  - Reflects identity of Sunnyvale  
↳ & history - Different Opinions
- Build off of what we have
  - Retain/Preserve
  - Familiar
- \$ = Up to date / Necessary
  - Don't Overburden Taxpayers
  - Don't Give Away Land

• Introvert Vision vs Extrovert Vision / Balance 4

• Landscaping Reflects Functioning of City Gov't

• A Nice Place To Be That is Functional

- Serves the entire community
- Library ~ to other communities
- Spaces make People Feel Good
- Accessibility / Parking
- On-site City Function / Relationships

• Value Proposition

- What Are people willing to pay for?

• Well Functioning City Services

• Green / open space

• Accessible

- Design / Aesthetics make people feel Good about Sunjule and about the civic center.

- Translates throughout City
- In balance with environment

Preserve traffic flow (during + After)

- Enough setbacks on site

Restore Setbacks

→ Promote Public / Pedestrian Safety  
(ADA, sidewalks)

- Promotes Values People over Cars
  - A Perpetual Place
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- Does NOT undo this beautiful area
  - Land w/ Bldg is better
  - Organic Bldg
- Gathering Place w/ Open Space
  - Greenspace
  - ReBuilt w/ Open/Green
  - Balance Bldg Height & Green Space
- Civic Center Belong to People of Sunnyvale → Long Range Planning
  - Preserve the land
  - Preserve the trees
- Space for Community Resources
  - Arts, etc.

- City Hall becomes as welcoming as library
  - Should be throughout the site
  - Reflects Diversity of the City
- Bkls Are inviting
  - windows, colors
- Smart Cars / Environmentally Sound
- Don't Compromise future generations
  - the ability of \* Accessibility to fulfill their needs.
    - space to use as they see fit
- Integration with other Public Services,
  - schools, etc.
- Open & Inviting (esp for kids)





- If it's not broken ....
- A part of the rest of the city
- Make people feel good
- Right balance of Built + Open
- 21<sup>st</sup> C. Govt
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Name (Optional) Holly Loftgren

Comments: want to be accurate regarding how many  
people actually said they thought underground parking  
was a good idea versus parking structures. The interviews  
didn't capture this specifically & used words like:  
multi-story or structured parking to mean parking structure.  
It is uncertain whether the input was meant to be  
parking structure or underground. Please be cognizant

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of these differences in future.

Thank you

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Name (Optional)

Elaine Manley -

Comments:

Exterior use  
aesthetic, tables, plans for outdoor events  
parking garage, trees, nice landscaping that  
requires little water  
better to have a space that is changeable  
so many can use it for different events.  
The chess table is cute but only for 1 thing.



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Name (Optional)

Erin Jew

Comments:

Olive Ave (by Police/Fire/Civic Center Library)  
is a Pedestrian Paradise! Today! Why?  
Because there is a green belt on Olive, trees,  
and the Buildings are not tall and they are  
Set Back from sidewalk. Please don't  
take away our Pedestrian Paradise or our  
green belt!



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Name (Optional) Kate Roberts

Comments: Keep Public Lands Public  
LandSCAPE with drought tolerant plants  
dog PARK addition to El Camino GREEN SPACE



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Name (Optional) Stan Hendryx

Comments: Keep open space &  
greenery





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Name (Optional)

Mary Brunkhorst

Comments:

Hold on to all land

passive land is emotionally vital -  
don't overdevelop -



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Name (Optional)

D. Marino

Comments:

#1 Priority: Keep the 24 acres

for the residents of the city.

Keep as many trees. Passive  
green space is good!



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Name (Optional) M. LANDZAAT

Comments: Teen Center, Water play area, open space

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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: The Civic Center land frontage along  
Matilda & El Camino should not be converted  
to buildings that form a wall of concrete & glass

By preserving & enhancing the natural appearance  
it can better serve as a "gateway" (2) to Central Sunnyvale  
& focus on the better public uses eg Public Park, City  
Hall, library etc





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Comments: All public gathering hardscape  
should not be bare concrete  
like Plaza de Sol.  
Brick like library entrance  
is best, easy on eyes



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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Don't change, do as  
little as possible.

This is fraught with  
"Downtown Sunnyvale"  
imaging.





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Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

{ Open space can serve as garden for library, where people can read books or use their laptops.

Garden with trees & pathways — no ball games.

Community shuttle will be needed so that there is less demand for parking space.



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Name (Optional) Mike Serrone

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

The overall design should tie downtown, El Camino and other areas together. Architecturally and with connecting bike and pedestrian paths.



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Name (Optional)

Mercedes Wendel

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Comments:

Maintain plantings. Accommodate functions within buildings not more than 3 stories above ground. City needs to decide if Civic Center/Library Plaza will continue to be the main gathering place or if some other piece of land will take on that function. Open spaces should retain current look but use recycled water. Bldgs should be highest possible need. Open spaces should be buffered by buildings from El Camino but if possible should have better

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visability from surrounding streets.

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