# Index of Documents Related to Converting Cherry Chase PG&E Rights-of-Way Plots to Mini-Parks

Greetings! This is the public project home page for the effort to convert the PG&E Rights-of-Way lots in Cherry Chase Neighborhood facing Ramona Ave and Dona Ave into public natural mini-parks. Our vision is that these mini-parks will:

- create new open natural play space for children, families, and everyone else at very low cost
- increase natural play space nearby new high-density housing on El Camino Real, supporting park access equity
- be created without green lawns or drenching irrigation and in the future be enhanced with Miyawaki Pocket Forests on their outer edges, serving as a pilot project to show how Sunnyvale can adapt its parks to climate change

This proposal has been endorsed by Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates. Mayor Klein sent a letter to PG&E asking for their support, and PG&E expressed willingness to let Sunnyvale convert the Ramona Ave and Dona Ave lots to parkland if the city would provide a plan. Councilmember Sell introduced a $75,000 study issue which passed the Council 7-0 and was funded in 2024. Read our neighborhood-created project deck and detailed written plan to learn our neighborhood's vision for a simple natural park that can be opened quickly and cheaply.

## NOVEMBER 2026 UPDATE: PLEASE HELP SAVE THE PROJECT!!

When city staff moved forward on the study issue in 2026, PG&E unexpectedly asked that Sunnyvale delay the project until PG&E finishes an overhead conductor replacement project in 2031. There's no need to wait for that project to be finished! PG&E regularly replaces the overhead conductors and just closes the existing Greenwood Manor Park and the streets while it's doing this. The 2031 project could be handled the same way, closing the Ramona Ave and Dona Ave plots for as long as necessary using the existing fencing if PG&E needs to park vehicles, store equipment, dig, or use those plots for extended periods of time for some reason.

## What you can do to help

### 1] Email PGE contacts and ask that they let Sunnyvale move forward on Ramona Ave and Dona Ave plot conversion without waiting for 2031

TO: monica.faria@pge.com, Patti.Poppe@pge-corp.com
CC: ericweb@mail.com
SUBJECT: please don't delay the Sunnyvale PG&E rights-of-way park conversion until 2031!

Dear Ms. Faria and Ms. Poppe - As a Sunnyvale resident who's eager to see the unused PG&E rights-of-way plots facing Ramona Ave and Dona Ave opened up as nature plots that children can explore and play in, I am asking that PG&E reconsider its recent request for a delay until after the reconductoring project in 2031.

We believe that there was a misunderstanding. Perhaps PG&E thought Sunnyvale was going to create a traditional park with irrigated lawns and play structures. Not true! The neighborhood's "Park 1.0" vision is literally: 1. Remove two abandoned PG&E cabinets. 2. Bury an unused household natural gas hookup with dirt or remove it. 3. City installs a trashcan. 4. Open the gate and let children play! Children have loved surreptitiously playing in these lots for generations just as they are. Officially converting these two plots to natural parkland will enable many more children to play with official PG&E and City permission without waiting until the mid-2030s.

Before, during, and after park conversion, PG&E will still be free to do whatever it needs to do just as it can today. That includes closing both the Ramona Ave and Dona Ave plots for as long as necessary using the existing fencing if PG&E needs to store or park equipment for extended periods, dig, dump sand/gravel/dirt/tanbar, do vegetation maintenance, etc.

Letting Sunnyvale move forward on nature park conversion without delay will reinforce PG&E's reputation as a good neighbor that does the right thing whenever possible. It will also provide badly-needed green space as our housing density increases along nearby El Camino Real and demonstrate how we can adapt to climate change by creating new parks without drenching irrigation. Please act now so another generation of children doesn't miss the opportunity to explore these rights-of-way and play outdoors!

Sincerely,
YOUR NAME
ADDRESS

*BETTER YET, film a video of your child asking PG&E CEO Patti Poppe to let us turn the Sunnyvale rights-of-way into a park, and email it to both of them and the city officials below! CEOs, Councilmembers, and city staff have a harder time saying no to kids!*

## 2] Email Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, and City Manager asking that study issue DPW 24-08 be reopened to buy time to work with PG&E

TO: council@sunnyvale.ca.gov, parksandrecreationcommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov, SustainabilityCommission@sunnyvale.ca.gov, citymgr@sunnyvale.ca.gov
CC: ericweb@mail.com
SUBJECT: please reopen DPW 24-08 if we reverse PG&E's delay request

Dear Mayor Klein, Councilmembers, Sustainability Commission, and Parks & Recreation Commission -

1. Please reopen study issue DPW 24-08 to buy time for us to reverse PG&E's project delay request. Council and the community deserve a chance to get PG&E to change its mind. Or, at least please make a good-faith commitment to reopen the study issue into its previous state if we get the delay request rescinded.
2. Please ask city staff that in the future, when problems, delays, or setbacks are encountered with this study issue, they notify Council and community organizers and give us a chance to help solve the problem rather than closing the study issue without any chance for discussion.
3. Please email monica.faria@pge.com, Patti.Poppe@pge-corp.com and ask PG&E to give us permission to move forward on the project once they approve a plan from the city without waiting for 2031.

We should not needlessly make this project harder and slower by killing the study issue after receiving a single letter and forcing the community to start the budget process all over again from scratch in the future. Community volunteers will work with PG&E to get the delay request rescinded. We only ask for time to get that done!

Sincerely,
NAME
ADDRESS

## 3] Email a link to this flier to your friends and neighbors, or print it out, and ask them to help too!

## 4] Attend Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, and Sustainability Commission meetings in-person or online and make a statement during Oral Communications

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Ask that Council and City Manager reopen study issue DPW 24-08 so we don't have to start over from scratch in the budget process after we get PG&E consent to move forward before 2031.

Ask that in the future, if city staff encounter problems, delays, or setbacks on the study issue, they notify Council and community volunteers and give us time to solve the problem instead of abruptly closing the study issue without warning, wasting all of the community organizer effort that's been invested to date and requiring community organizers to repeat it again.

***Children love parks and places to play. Consider asking your children if they're willing to make a statement during the comment period. Public officials love hearing from kids!***

At all public meetings, show up at least 15 minutes early and fill out and submit a "comment card" so they know you want to speak. If you participate remotely, use the Zoom "raise hand" feature to indicate you want to make a statement.

You can always find the schedule of upcoming city council and commission meetings on the Legislative Public Meetings page. Upcoming meetings:

**Monday November 16, 7 pm:** Sustainability Commission, Redwood Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. and online at https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/87351330039
**Tuesday November 17, 7 pm:** City Council, Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. and online at https://sunnyvale-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/96111580540
**Saturday November 21, 10 am - noon:** Council Priority Projects public input workshop hosted by Councilmember Richard Mehlinger. Bay Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave. Make the point that city staff should not unilaterally close funded study issues/Council Priority Projects without giving Council and community members a heads-up and time to try to help solve a problem first.

### 5] Join the effort!

Email ericweb@mail.com and say "I am FULL NAME of STREET ADDRESS (EMAIL, PHONE #). I want to be kept informed, volunteer to help lobby the city, and be added to the plan's list of supporters, listed as HOW YOU WANT YOUR NAME SHOWN ON THE PLAN."

Only your name (in the public name format you specify) will be added to the public list of signatories. The other information will be kept securely by Eric Krock so that we (and perhaps in the future, the City of Sunnyvale, acting in its official capacity with appropriate information privacy controls) can audit and verify the list of signatories if that becomes necessary at some point in the public review process to confirm the level of Sunnyvale resident support for the proposal, and so that we can contact you regarding the proposal when we need your support.

## Index of resources

Please bookmark this page. You can find it at https://bit.ly/pge-index . It will always provide clickable links to the latest project documents.

- These are not official City of Sunnyvale plans, but they show our neighborhood vision:
    - Project deck
    - Project summary (2 pages)
    - Project plan (45 pages)
- November 2026 Save the Park Project Flier (email the link to your friends!)
- Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Commission 14 June 2023 Meeting:

    - Presentation by Eric Krock and Discussion: Video & Edited Transcript
- Sunnyvale Park Design Guidelines
- Sunnyvale Parks of the Future Study Item Report and Appendices