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LIBRARY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: February 6, 2019

Subject

Defining the Relationship between the City of Cupertino and the Cupertino Historical Society

Recommended Action

Accept the presentation and recommend a direction in defining the relationship between the City of Cupertino and the Cupertino Historical Society.

Discussion

The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum are recognized by community members as the museum organization dedicated to documenting life, history, and culture of Cupertino citizens. The organization is asking the City to designate the Cupertino Historical Society as its official city archivist, with a mission to preserve the history of the City. They are also asking the City to provide appropriate support for them through the continued provision of space in the Quinlan Community Center and other facilities as approved by the City.

The Cupertino Historical Society contributes greatly to the City, currently providing:

- A collection of over 5,000 artifacts representing Cupertino's history.
- An archive available for historical research, dissemination and publication.
- Volunteer and paid staff who provide scholarly support to authors, researchers and community members.
- Conservation expertise and managed care of the historical collection.
- Professional curation services.
- Interpretation of historical artifacts, topics and events through programming and exhibits.
- Effective, non-political avenue through which the community can highlight and celebrate various ethnic, religious and international communities that represent contemporary Cupertino.
- Dynamic partner for youth activities through festival open houses and quarterly preschool events and crafts.
- Traveling Trunk elementary school history program.

- Local historians who present topics on Cupertino history at various civic and social organizations.
- Three to five museum exhibits annually.
- Resource for community members doing family history research.
- Volunteer and internship opportunities for high school and college students, as well as local civic organizations.
- Key partnerships with local organizations: Boy Scouts, Rotary, Eagle Scout Capstone Projects, Walk/Bike Cupertino and more.
- Quarterly newsletter with articles of local interest.
- Intergenerational learning opportunities and areas of engagement.
- Hosted quarterly speaker series, film screenings and book signings that are well attended.
- A collection of more than 5,000 artifacts representing Cupertino's families and communities; military service members; traditions; regional "Valley of Heart's Delight" artifacts; clothing and dress; education, literature, music, photography, and art.
- Valuable partnerships during city events and festivals
- well-attended and imaginative, compelling and free public programming, exhibits, lectures, film screenings and social events to local citizens
- \$30,000/year annually storing the core of our collection, with additional collection items stored in members' houses, garages, etc.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

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