



RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
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TEEN COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: January 9, 2019

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

Recommended Action:

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

Description: 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 Society is asking the city to designate the Cupertino Historical Society as its official city archivist preserving the history of the City. As well, asking the City to provide appropriate support to the Society through continued provision of space in the Community Center and other facilities as approved by the city.

Discussion: For over 40 years, The Cupertino Historical Society and the City have enjoyed an informal partnership that has been mutually beneficial to the both parties. Since 1990, the partnership included provision of space at the Quinlan Community Center to operate the city's museum dedicated to historic preservation. This partnership has never been formally memorialized. The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum (CHSM) was created to provide archival, conservation and scholarly support to the City of Cupertino and has been acting as the official archivist for the city at considerable opportunity and financial costs.

The Cupertino Historical Society contributes greatly to the city. Specifically, it provides:

- 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.



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- 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.

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