



HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers
Vallejo City Hall
555 Santa Clara Street

7:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: Approve the agenda as presented including the modification to the agenda face.

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I, _____, do hereby certify that I caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Housing and Redevelopment Commission at the time and manner prescribed by law and posted in an area freely accessible to members of the public on August 7, 2008.

Signature

CHAIR
Mustafa Abdul-Ghaneer
VICE-CHAIR
Michelle Pitts
COMMISSION
Charles Brown III
Chris Platzer
Mike Urick
Carmen Marie Vance
Rozzana Verder-Aliga, Ed.D.



5. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of May 14, 2008

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

6. Report of Presiding Officer and Members of the Commission

7. Secretary's Report

8. Council Liaison's Report

9. Communications and Presentations

a. Letter dated July 10, 2008 sent by FAX to the Housing and Redevelopment Commission from Willie B. Quinn, President, Concerned Citizens of Country Club Crest

10. Community Forum

Anyone wishing to address the Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Commission to resolve, may step to the podium and state his/her name and address for the record.

11. Consent Calendar

12. Public Hearings

13. Administrative Items

a. Follow-up Regarding the North Vallejo Senior Lunch Room Request for Help

At The Housing and Redevelopment Commission May 14, 2008 regular meeting, the North Vallejo Senior Lunch Room requested the Commission help them in their quest to remain in their current location. The Commission formed an ad hoc committee which reported back to the Commission at its June 11, 2008 meeting. At the June 11th meeting the Commission adopted a resolution to the Council and/or the Redevelopment Agency recommending that the Council and the Agency approve a plan for funding the non-profit sponsor of the North Vallejo Senior Lunch Room and program.

Recommendation: Receive follow-up status report. Provide input and/or recommendations as the Commission finds appropriate.



b. Collaboration with Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) on Increasing Usage of the North Vallejo Community Center

On July 9, 2008 the Housing and Redevelopment Commission held its regular meeting at the North Vallejo Community Center. The meeting was hosted by GVRD and attended by a wide cross-section of Community Partners. The goal of the meeting was to discuss increasing the usage of the North Vallejo Community Center. Many good suggestions and ideas were received. One point on which there was unanimous agreement was that it was critical that the needs and wishes of the neighborhood as expressed by residents should be the focus of any improvements to the Center. Chair Abdul-Ghaneer appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to follow-up and report back to the Commission comprised of Commissioners Platzer and Urick and Community Development Commissioner Earnestine Lawson.

Recommendation: Receive report from the Ad Hoc Committee. Provide input and/or recommendations as the Commission finds appropriate.

c. Country Club Crest Neighborhood Preservation Project

The Redevelopment Agency and the City Council have allocated Fiscal Year (FY) 2008/2009 Flosden Redevelopment Project Area and Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds, respectively, for the preservation of the Country Club Crest neighborhood. Over \$900,000 has been budgeted for this project, primarily for public improvements. For more information, a staff report is enclosed with the agenda.

Recommendation: Receive report from staff. Provide input and/or recommendations as the Commission finds appropriate.

d. Status of Community Land Trust Option to Provide Affordable Housing

The Housing Authority Board has expressed interest in a Community Land Trust (CLT). To this end, the Vallejo Housing Authority (VHA) has allocated \$25,000 for a Community Land Trust Feasibility Study. The \$25,000 came from a pool of accrued funds which were appropriated in Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/2007 for an affordable housing project. A CLT may provide Vallejo with a method to provide homeownership opportunities to very low- and low-income families, while simultaneously eradicating the blight affecting neighborhoods impacted by multiple foreclosed properties. A CLT is typically administered by a non-profit organization which purchases and maintains title to the land, but sells the improvements on the land to very low- or low-income homeowners. For more information, a staff report is enclosed with the agenda.

Recommendation: Receive report from staff. Provide input and/or recommendations as the Commission finds appropriate.

14. Policy Items

15. Adjournment