

## HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

July 9, 2008

### North Vallejo Community Center 1121 Whitney Avenue Vallejo, CA 94589

### 7:30 P.M.

# AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>
- 3. <u>Roll Call</u>
- 4. Approval of Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the agenda as presented.

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I, <u>MUSAFA AROL- (AHAVE</u>, 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 July 9, 2008.

Signature

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

- 5. Approval of Minutes
- 6. Report of Presiding Officer and Members of the Commission
- 7. Secretary's Report
- 8. Council Liaison's Report
- 9. Communications and Presentations
- 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

None.

12. Public Hearings

None.

- 13. Administrative Items
- A. DISCUSSION REGARDING INCREASING THE USAGE OF THE NORTH VALLEJO COMMUNITY CENTER

While working with the seniors in the Flosden Acres Redevelopment Area in their attempt to maintain their lunch room and program in the Fairgrounds Plaza Shopping Center, the Commission became aware that Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) staff is concerned with the utilization of the North Vallejo Community Center. The Commission will join with GVRD in engaging Vallejo Community residents and other Community partners in a discussion of ways to increase utilization of the North Vallejo Community Center.

<u>Recommendation</u>: After a discussion of this matter and receiving input, take wherever follow-up action the Housing and Redevelopment Commission finds appropriate that will be an aide in the revitalization of the Country Club Crest neighborhood, located in the Flosden Acres Redevelopment Area Project.

14. Policy Items

None.

15. Adjournment



## CITY OF VALLEJO Agenda Item No. Administrative 13 A HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Date: July 9, 2008

- TO: Housing and Redevelopment Commission
- FROM: Mustafa Abdul-Ghanee, Chairperson, Housing & Redevelopment Commission Shane McAffee, General Manager, Greater Vallejo Recreation District
- SUBJECT: Increasing the Utilization of the North Vallejo Community Center

#### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Over the last two months, the Housing and Redevelopment Commission (H&RC) has been providing some direct assistance to the seniors in the Flosden Acres Redevelopment Area. During the course of working with the seniors, the Commission became aware that Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) staff is concerned that the North Vallejo Community Center (Center) may not be as fully utilized as it could be. The Center is located in the Flosden Acres Redevelopment Area Project. Since the Community Center is in such close in proximity to the Country Club Crest Neighborhood, which is in great need of community services and since the Vallejo Community (Community) has targeted Country Club Crest for revitalization, it is thought that the center could be the center place for working the revitalization effort.

#### Work to Increase Utilization of the Center

The H&RC and GVRD have undertaken to work together to make the Community Center a more inviting and functional facility for the community. The belief is that having a site in the Community that is staffed, equipped, functional and open to the public is a key component in any serious long-term revitalization plan. Toward that end, the H&RC is holding its July 9, 2008 regular meeting at the site. Invitation to participate in a brainstorming session has been extended to some Community partners and to the General Public. The list includes the Vallejo City Unified School District, Kaiser Hospital, Fighting Back Partnership, Child Start, Inc., the Continentals of Omega Boys & Girls Club, and the Concerned Citizens of Country Club Crest.

We'd like every participant to bring at lease one idea on how their organization might partner with GVRD and/or other Community partners to use the Community Center toward revitalizing the Country Club Crest neighborhood.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Engage in discussion with the Community at large and various Community partners regarding ways to increase utilization of the North Vallejo Community Center and having the Center play a more active part in the revitalization effort of the Country Club Crest Neighborhood. Take whatever follow-up action the Housing and Redevelopment Commission finds appropriate.

#### **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED**

None

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