

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Project Description:

San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity proposes to develop a portion of the surplus Desiderio Army Reserve Center in partnership with the City of Pasadena.

Attached conceptual plans, developed by our volunteer architect Tom Williams of House & Robertson Architects, Inc., 6010 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90036, and approved for submission by the San Gabriel Valley Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, are attached. These plans are subject to discussion with the City which was not permitted, according to Stephanie DeWolfe, at this stage of the application process.

The proposed plans call for:

- Acquisition of the 5.1 acre surplus property parcel by the City of Pasadena
- Use of 1/3 to 2/3 of the parcel to create a park to be developed as a memorial to Reginald B. Desiderio, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for distinguished gallantry and intrepidity during the Korean Conflict, 1950)
- Possible creation of nine (9) market rate custom home lots, situated on 1/3 of the parcel, created and sold by the City to offset costs of developing the Desiderio Memorial Park
- Use of approximately 1/3 of the parcel (1.77 acres) to extend California Terrace as a cul-de-sac street north of Westminster Drive and create 22 Habitat for Humanity homes that will be sold to deserving and qualified residents of Pasadena
- City will provide the land needed for construction of the Habitat for Humanity homes, taking back silent second trust deeds with equity sharing provisions and recovery of the principal amount upon sale of the units when market rate terms take effect
- Habitat for Humanity will raise needed cash for this development through grants and donations

Need for Project:

Long-term discussion, testimony, and studies commissioned by the City Council affirm the critical need for affordable homeownership units in Pasadena.

There is also an acknowledged need for open spaces and new parks within the City.

Expansion of Existing Facilities:

To accomplish this plan, existing buildings on the Desiderio Army Center land will have to be demolished.