

# Agenda Report

October 9, 2006

TO: City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
SUBJECT: Designation of the Planning Commission as the Citizens Advisory Committee for Development of a Reuse Plan for the Desiderio Army Reserve Center

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council designate the Planning Commission to serve as the Citizens Advisory Committee for development of a reuse plan for the Desiderio Army Reserve Center.

## **BACKGROUND:**

In May, 2006, the City was designated the Local Redevelopment Authority for the reuse of the Desiderio Army Reserve Center. In that role, the City is required to use a Citizen's Advisory Committee which will "solicit input from a broad and inclusive group of community stakeholders interested in redevelopment of the base." Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission be designated to act as that committee.

On September 8, 2006, eleven proposals for redevelopment of the site were received ranging from recreational use of the site to high-density housing. Under Federal regulations, the City has nine months to review these proposals and develop a recommended reuse plan for submittal to the Department of Defense and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Planning Commission meets several important criteria to act in an advisory role on this issue. By nature of their appointment to the Commission, they possess technical expertise and experience in evaluating master plans. In this case, several diverse proposals must be evaluated for compliance with city plans and codes, and for compatibility with the unique character of the site. The Planning Commission is experienced not only with the current plans and development standards for the community, but also with the community concerns and priorities regarding new development. In addition, the membership of the Commission is representative of a cross-section of the community providing a diverse range of perspectives.

The Planning Commission will ultimately review the final reuse plan and forward a recommendation to City Council. Involving the Commission earlier in the process will give them a more complete perspective from which to evaluate and recommend a final plan.

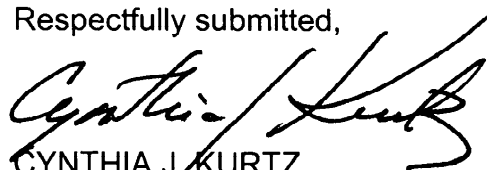
Schedule

It is anticipated that the Planning Commission will review proposals, consider public input and select a final concept during three meetings over the next several months. A final plan will be developed and presented for Commission review and City Council adoption in the Spring. A final plan must be submitted to Federal authorities no later than June, 2007.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

At this time it is anticipated that costs associated with development of a reuse plan will be limited to meeting support and mailings. These costs can be absorbed by the Planning & Development Department budget. If there is a need for further support in the future a funding recommendation will be presented to City Council.

Respectfully submitted,



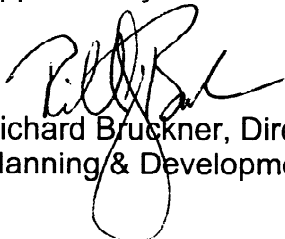
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