



**December 23, 2008**

**TO: All Interested Parties**

**SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the New Harmony Affordable Apartment Community and Notice of Public Meeting**

The City of Davis has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to consider the potential environmental effects of the proposed New Harmony Affordable Apartment Community Project located at the southwest corner of Cowell Boulevard and Drummond Avenue, City Davis, Yolo County. This is a notice of the public review period to receive comments on the New Harmony DEIR for a 45-day period beginning December 24, 2008 and ending February 6, 2009.

**Description:**

The project is proposing to construct a 69-unit affordable apartment community on a vacant parcel in south Davis. Development would consist of approximately 70,000 square feet made up of two three-story apartment buildings (41,256 sq. ft. and 23,175 sq. ft.) and a one-story community building (3,871 sq. ft.). The project includes landscaping, parking, play areas, a community garden, bicycle path/greenbelt, site and frontage improvements. The apartment community would be located on a residential parcel on the south side of Cowell Boulevard. An office parcel on the north side of Cowell Boulevard would remain undeveloped. The project includes a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from "Business Park" to "Residential High Density" and a Rezone from "Industrial Research" to "Multi-Family" for the residential parcel.

The DEIR focused on the potentially significant impacts related to air quality and noise on future residents due to the site's proximity of Interstate 80.

**Availability of Documents:**

Beginning December 24, 2008, copies of the DEIR are available for review or purchase at the Community Development Department, in the City Offices located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California, 95616. City Offices will be closed from December 24, 2008 through January 4, 2009. During this time, copies will be available for viewing and check-out at the Davis Police Department located at 2600 Fifth Street. A copy will also be available at the Davis City Library located at 351 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, or may be downloaded from the city website at:

<http://cityofdavis.org/cdd/projects/New-Harmony-Apartment/documents.cfm>

**Public Comments:**

Reviewers should focus comments on the adequacy of the DEIR in discussing possible impacts upon the environment, ways in which adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the proposed project. Reviewers who wish to comment on the DEIR are urged to submit written comments to:

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Written comments are due to the City by no later than **5:00 pm on February 6, 2009.**

**Public Meeting**

Public meetings are also scheduled with the Planning Commission and Natural Resources Commission for their comment on the DEIR. The Planning Commission is scheduled to comment at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009. The Natural Resources Commission meeting is scheduled to comment at a meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2009. The meetings are will be held in the Community Chambers, City Offices, located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis. Please contact the project planner for the approximate time the item will be discussed.

The City does not transcribe its proceedings. Persons who wish to obtain a verbatim record should arrange for attendance by a court reporter or for some other acceptable means of recordation. Such arrangements will be at the sole expense of the person requesting the recordation.

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