

Neighborhood News

The combined project of Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School

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Sacred Heart students celebrate the season at the school's annual Fall Festival

Planning Commission Approves Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School Joint Project

“I think 10 years from now, people won't notice the change, but we'll have an up-to-date facility that's very good, and we'll have a community that works. I actually think this is good for the community.”

**—Barry Wasserman
Planning Commissioner**

We are pleased to announce the Planning Commission's approval of the revised Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School's Mixed Use project at their October 25 hearing. The Commissioners voted 7 to 2 to approve the Joint Project. This vote shows strong support for the project as we proceed to the next step in project review. We will be presenting the project to the Sacramento City Council on November 27.

The Planning Commission and neighbors recommended extensive modifications. As a result, we were able to present a project that will:

- Continue to provide excellent medical care to the region.
- Continue to provide superior education for our children.
- Improve pedestrian access.
- Add greenspace to better transition with the surrounding neighborhood.
- Institute a free community shuttle to light rail.

These and other improvements and amenities make this project a genuine asset to the East Sacramento community.

Neighbors have provided direction and suggestions for the redesign of the 20 new housing units.

Between the September 13 meeting date and October 25 date, the architectural design was modified to reflect this important input. The design has clearly benefited from this guidance and is now wholly consistent and complementary to the surrounding neighborhood. In keeping with Commissioners' recommendations, the new apartments will be energy efficient and incorporate sustainable design features.

We would like to thank all of the community members who came out to the Planning Commission meetings to offer their support and suggestions for the project. Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School have been neighbors of the community of East Sacramento for more than 80 years and look forward to continuing in that role for many years to come. We value your continued input. Please contact Adam Silber or Nancy Heffernan at the numbers listed below with your thoughts and suggestions for the project.

? MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Sacred Heart Parish School and Mercy General Joint Proposal, please contact Adam Silber, with Mercy General Hospital, at (916) 733-6882, or Nancy Heffernan, with Sacred Heart Parish School, at (916) 747-5662.

The PULSE of the Community

“I want to [thank] those who supported [the project] and those who opposed it initially, because I think that early opposition actually made this a better project. After careful review, considering all I know about urban hospital master planning [and] healthcare in an urban environment, I’m very satisfied and very pleased, that with the help of many people, Catholic Healthcare West, more specifically, Mercy General, has come up and proposed this project to the City.”

**—John Boyd
Planning Commissioner**

Several hundred individuals have come together to form People United for Life, Safety and Education (PULSE) to express their support for Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School’s Mixed Use project. Many PULSE members are former opponents of the project who are now supportive due to the numerous concessions and changes that Mercy has incorporated into the revised plan in response to community members’ requests. PULSE provides a united voice for project supporters to come together and say that they are part of the fabric of the East Sacramento community and strongly endorse this project.

The Co-Chairs for PULSE are Nancy Heffernan and Nadya Andrews.

Nancy was previously a strong opponent of the original Mercy project as put forth in 2004. After working with Mercy General to create a plan that reflects neighbors’ concerns and creates a new and improved separate campus for Sacred Heart Parish School, Nancy now wholeheartedly supports the project. Realizing the importance of this project, she has decided to volunteer her time as a PULSE Co-Chair to assist in educating the community about its benefits.

Nadya Andrews is a former Planning Commissioner. As a neighbor of Mercy General Hospital and

“We have the opportunity to have a new building to match the quality of care already being provided at Mercy. The school also will benefit from a beautiful new building and a (first ever) grass playground separated from the ambulances, patients and other visitors to the hospital. I see this proposal as a positive addition to our community.”

**—Nadya Andrews
PULSE Co-Chair and 53-year East Sacramento resident**

resident of East Sacramento for more than 50 years, she is dedicated to continuing her long-standing commitment to the betterment of the city of Sacramento, specifically her own community of East Sacramento, through her involvement in PULSE.

PULSE currently has more than 600 members representing a diverse group of project supporters including East Sacramento residents, East Sacramento property and business owners, health service organizations and Sacred Heart Parish School parents. To join PULSE and add your name to the growing list of supporters of the revised Mercy General Hospital and Sacred Heart Parish School Project, contact Nancy Heffernan at (916) 747-5662.

TO CLARIFY...

- In conjunction with the architectural firm of Separovich/Domich Ravel/Rasmussen, Mercy is building 20 beautiful and architecturally complementary one-bedroom and two-bedroom units to replace the housing that will be relocated or removed.
- Mercy General Hospital is committed to remaining on the footprint of 39th and 41st Streets and H and J Streets to continue its tradition of excellent medical care.
- Residential and commercial neighbors, and some individual board members of the McKinley East Sacramento Neighborhood Association (MENA) and East Sacramento

Improvement Association (ESIA), applaud the new design of the Mercy General Hospital campus and Sacred Heart Parish School and welcome the update and improvement to the site.

- Visible construction from the streets and sidewalks will last for approximately 2 ½ to 3 years. Maximum consideration will be given to all, including neighbors and patients. Hospital construction will take place in a “Hospital Quiet Zone.” Noise and vibration impacts will be minimized.
- No lane closures are planned on H and J Streets.



Sisters of Mercy Honored at State Capitol

On September 29, the Sisters of Mercy came full circle on the grounds of Capitol Park. More than 1,200 people gathered to witness the unveiling of a commemorative sculpture in honor of the Sisters of Mercy's 150th anniversary.

One hundred fifty years ago, Mary Baptist Russell located what she believed was the perfect site for a school and purchased land in the heart of the



city. The Sisters of Mercy owned this land until the Capitol Bill was passed in 1860, designating that land as the site for a new capitol building. The Sisters sold the property to the state for its original price of \$4,850.

Today, the Sisters of Mercy are grateful that the State of California has allowed them to “reclaim” a small portion of the land so that the legacy of a very special pioneer woman — Mary Baptist Russell — can be remembered.

The sculpture (pictured at left) was designed and created by artist Ruth Coelho. “The Sisters’ selfless service to those most in need is an inspiration to us all,” says Ruth. “They provide hope that goodness can prevail if we act to help others.”

To view the Senate Concurrent Resolution 99, which resulted in the approval of the construction of the sculpture, visit MercyFoundationSacramento.org or call Mercy Foundation at (916) 851-2700.

“This project represents a significant well-designed reinvestment in the Central City. ECOS places a high priority on reinvestment in existing urbanized areas, close to transportation and housing that does not significantly negatively impact its surroundings.”

**—Paul Menard
Vice President
Environmental Council
of Sacramento (ECOS)**

“The applicants have worked to incorporate the community’s concerns and have offered a plan that is significantly different than originally proposed. It is a smart infill project. It has dealt with traffic concerns. It will keep a world class heart facility downtown where the region needs it.”

**—Michael Faust
Senior Vice President
of Public Policy
Sacramento
Metropolitan
Chamber of Commerce**

Sacred Heart Parish School’s 66th Annual Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is a long-standing tradition held each year on the first Saturday of October. The event is open to the public and is a great opportunity for family fun. This year’s Fall Festival was a great success and included an entertaining mix of games, raffle, silent auction, performances, crafts, food and fun. The festivities, which continued throughout the day, included carnival games, a rock climbing wall, jump house, all-day Bingo and more. The highlight of the day was performances by Sacred Heart School students, who presented their lip sync and dance routines for the crowd.



Upcoming Neighborhood Events — Mark Your Calendars!

2007 SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

2007 will be the 34th year of the self-guided tour of five magnificent homes decorated for the holidays by top interior designers and florists. View the wonderful architecture and experience the creative design ideas of some of the region's most talented designers. Start at the Holiday Cafe and Gift Shop, located at Sacred Heart Parish School, 3933 I Street. Friday, November 30: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 1: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 2: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 online at sachearch.org or \$30 beginning November 30.

14TH ANNUAL RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY

A holiday tradition for countless area families, the Run to Feed the Hungry ranks as the Sacramento Valley's largest annual fun run. The 10k Run and 5k Run/Walk event now raises more than \$500,000 for the Sacramento Food Bank.

Thanksgiving Morning - Thursday, November 22
Race Day registration:
7:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. for Timed 5K/10K
9 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. for Untimed 10K Run & 5K Fun Run/Walk
For more information: sfbs.org/runtofeedpg.htm or (916) 456-1980

25TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON FROM FOLSOM TO SACRAMENTO

The California International Marathon (CIM) is a 26-mile, 385-yard, point-to-point, certified road race. It begins at the Folsom Dam and ends in front of the State Capitol, passing through the heart of East Sacramento along the way. There will be 5,000+ runners, including top athletes from all over the world, competing for a share of the \$50,000 in prize money.

December 2

Below are road closures that will affect the East Sacramento neighborhood on December 2 due to the marathon:
8:06 -12:18: Carlson/CSUS & J St.
8:09 - 12:32: Bear Flag & J St. (48th St.)
8:12 - 12:46: 33rd & J St. (just before Alhambra)



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