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GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATES NEW FUTURE FOR DEL PASO HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE

Mims Hagginwood Community Center construction includes new multi-purpose facility

Del Paso Heights, Sacramento. A small crowd of residents and City officials gathered outside the aging Joe Mims Jr. Hagginwood Community Center on Del Paso Boulevard as the first shovel full of dirt officially kicked off construction on a new multi-purpose facility.

“This is a really exciting day for the City of Sacramento and certainly for this neighborhood,” said Mayor Heather Fargo. “Part of my agenda as your mayor is to reinvest in our neighborhoods, to stabilize our communities, and to make sure that we have facilities in our neighborhoods that allow people to come together.”



Built in 1955 and positioned at a key gateway location in the Del Paso Heights redevelopment project area, the center’s physical structure and service facilities have significantly deteriorated over time and are no longer suitable for use by residents and staff. The center has been temporarily closed while construction is underway on a new 5,281 square foot building that will include a lobby, two meeting/activity rooms, a reception area, office and workrooms and new restrooms. The building and surrounding park space will be adorned with artwork donated by Art in Public Places. The project is expected to be completed next fall.

The Mims Hagginwood Community Center was named for the late Joe Mims, Jr., a former manager of the Parks and Recreation Department who worked for the City for some three decades. Several of Mims’ family members attended the groundbreaking celebration.

The City of Sacramento allocated more than \$1.3 million to the project, and the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency provided approximately \$1 million in tax increment approved by the Del Paso Heights Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) toward the \$2.9 million dollar project costs.

“I’m really honored that the Agency can be a part of a wonderful partnership that came together to make this happen,” said Executive Director Anne Moore. “There’s a lot going on in Del Paso Heights, a lot of growth, and this is going to contribute and support it, so it’s really something that we value in our work in the community.”

SHRA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 13 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing. SHRA has a FY 2004 budget of \$196 million and approximately 328 employees. The Agency owns 3,200 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.

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