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SOLANO360 Visioning Process Community Workshops: March 18th and April 8th

The following is a summary of ideas and input heard from members of the public that participated at the community workshops:

“WHAT” - SUGGESTED USES FOR THE 152-ACRE SITE

Public Uses

- Exhibition Hall with flexible meeting facilities
- Convention Center, Multi-Purpose Arena, music venue
- Transit Center
- More activities for kids; after-school community center; expanded 4-H program
- Education center for green technology
- Museum

Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- Youth-oriented sports fields (especially soccer), sports complex, soccer tournaments
- Restored creek and “riparian corridor park”, picnicking, fishing
- Community gardens, demonstration farm, showcase for agricultural heritage
- Walking paths, gathering areas, park benches

Entertainment, Retail, Commercial

- Office/business campus; R&D; green technology center
- Small restaurants, street life, entertainment, shopping, bookstores, cafes, retail
- Themed hotels, water park hotel
- Casino/entertainment, satellite wagering (maintain current fair use)

Residential

- Assisted living
- “Condos with a view”



“HOW” - SUGGESTED DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Pedestrian-oriented; bicycle and walking trails
- Design buildings and places to be flexible for future uses
- Pedestrian connections to Six Flags (walkway, shuttle), Dan Foley Park, neighborhood to north, Gateway Plaza
- Sustainable, “green design”
- Create something unique and world-class
- Integrate with surrounding areas
- Improve access and transit options (BART, bus, rail)
- Improve Rindler Creek; improve water quality in Lake Chabot
- Create high-quality jobs (not just minimum wage)
- Ensure public safety and policing
- Encourage tourism, ecotourism
- Use shared parking
- Don’t create more blight; be careful not to duplicate other regional attractions

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Competition with downtown Vallejo and the waterfront
- Traffic impacts
- Avoid “big box retail”
- What if Six Flags closes?
- Fairgrounds is too expensive for people to rent – need something affordable
- Who will pay for everything? How much sales tax does fairgrounds currently generate?
- What is the agreement between City and County? How are taxes shared?
- Community should be involved throughout the process
- Consider the whole County, not just Vallejo
- Horses cause water pollution