

HOME DEPOT

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dential neighborhoods.

The Emporium site eventually became the new home of the Camino Medical Group, after the nonprofit made a \$5 million contribution to the city in order to make up for the loss of potential sales tax revenue. But Home Depot, despite operating stores in Sunnyvale and East Palo Alto, did not give up on its plans.

In early 2005, Palo Alto-based Thoits Brothers took over direct control of its land at San Antonio Shopping Center and quickly began looking for a new tenant to replace Sears, whose lease was expiring in March 2007. Talks with one retailer had fallen through when Home Depot representatives came up with an offer.

Fred Thoits said the new store would restore San Antonio's status as a regional shopping center.

"What we have seen is that the center has taken a sort of tired look, a run-down look," he said. "It's not a vital and active center, and we think it has a lot of potential."

Gallagher said that Home Depot has been working closely with city officials and is planning a community meeting for residents of local neighborhoods. Though the site is already zoned for commercial uses, the city will hold hearings on design and traffic elements.

One issue, according to city economic development director Ellis Berns, will be ensuring that the new building, in particular its lumber storage, manages to fit

in well with the existing stores.

"We want it to look clean in terms of design and appropriate for the community," said Berns. Berns said the city cannot

release information about sales tax revenues generated by individual businesses, but that Home Depots in the region generally produce between \$225,000 and

\$450,000 a year. Sears stores tend to come in at about two-thirds of that, he said.

Gallagher said the store will focus on home design and decor,

and will employ about 150 full- and part-time workers. □

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Hangar 1

Community Update

Former NAS Moffett Field



Background

In 1997, contaminants such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), asbestos, and lead (common in building materials in years' past) were found at wetlands near Moffett Field's Hangar 1, and in the hangar's interior and exterior materials. In 2003, the Navy and NASA took temporary actions to prevent harmful effects from the pollution at Hangar 1, including applying a coating on the hangar surface. The coating was expected to last three to five years. The Navy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board agreed that a long-term solution would be necessary.

Finding the Best Solution

To find the best long-term solution, the Navy used a process called an engineering evaluation/cost analysis (EE/CA). This would allow the Navy to find a cleanup remedy in a relatively short time. The Navy realized the importance of involving the public in cleanup efforts and invited the public to attend open houses, a cleanup alternatives workshop, and Restoration Advisory Board meetings. The Navy also provided written information to the public. Suggestions from the community were evaluated as part of the EE/CA process.

The EE/CA summarizes the evaluation of 13 alternatives and describes the Navy's recommended alternative. The recommended alternative consists of complete demolition and removal of Hangar 1. Removing the hangar provides the highest degree of protection and will allow for future uses of the site and cleanup of nearby wetlands (Site 25). Because contaminants are embedded in the inner and outer layers of the siding's composition, and in the hangar's interior structure, the Navy cannot cost-effectively clean the hangar or rebuild its parts.

Protecting the Environment

The recommended alternative provides the best solution because the contaminant source (the hangar siding and structure) would be completely controlled by removing the source from the site. The Navy is aware that many community members object to demolition of the hangar because of its historic and personal significance. It is important to the Navy's history too. But the number one priority for the Navy is to make Moffett Field environmentally safe. Human health and the environment take precedence over any other issue.

Preserving History

Because the Navy values the historic nature of the hangar, it is working with the State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and NASA to ensure future generations can still learn about and appreciate the hangar. The site will be marked to denote the size of the Hangar 1 structure. The Navy is also preserving the history of Hangar 1 by making drawings, photos, interactive archives, and an oral history available to the community.

To get more information or comment on this action, please attend the public meeting on Tuesday, May 23. Open House, 5 to 6:45 p.m.; Public Meeting, 7 to 9:00 p.m. at Building 943, Moffett Field, Mountain View, Calif.

Richard Weissenborn is the Navy's BRAC Environmental Coordinator charged with the environmental cleanup programs at the former NAS Moffett Field. He can be reached by e-mail at richard.weissenborn@navy.mil or by phone at (619) 532-0952.

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treatment of her wound, which was not life threatening.

Police currently have no suspect in custody. Detectives are trying to determine the connection between the attempted break-in and the assault on Del Medio, and to determine the nature of the sexual assault, said police spokesperson Josef Kachman.

Anyone with information about this incident may call the Mountain View Police Department's investigative services division at (650) 903-6344. □

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RE: Community Relations Support for Former NAS Moffett Field
Transmittal: Paid advertisements announcing the 23 May 2006 Hangar 1 Public Meeting

Dear Mr. Maidrand:

This letter serves to inform you that ads announcing the 23 May 2006 Hangar 1 Public Meeting were published in the newspapers listed below. Enclosed are tear sheets for proof of publication.

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Hangar 1 Public Meeting Invitation	19 May 2006
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Please ensure that Diane Silva receives the originals and one set of copies for the Administrative Record file. In addition, please see that copies are distributed to the individuals listed below. Photocopies are included in this package. If you have any questions about this transmittal, please do not hesitate to call me at 858-452-0031 x363.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Powell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Emily Powell
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