Promoting a cleaner, friendlier downtown Vallejo August 2013

Downtown Vallejo

Central Core Restoration Corporation

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**Changes to CCRC Board**

**Elections**: Thirteen candidates applied for a seat on the board at the July 11 meeting, including property owners, representatives, downtown business owners and concerned citizens. The following slate of directors was recommended by the nominating committee and voted in.

Jim Barcewski John Dooley

David Fischer Phil Elfstrom

Ken Ingersoll Buck Kamphausen

Bob Lando Robert Litwin

Fred Sessler Janet Sylvain

**Appointments:** CCRC has created a dedicated position for city representation on our board. We welcome Ms. Annette Taylor of Economic Development as a CCRC board director, with thanks for her ongoing contributions to CCRC and to Vallejo. Glad to have you on board, Annette!

**Resignations**: Board Member Dennis Brinson has resigned from CCRC after 13 years of dedicated service to the board and the downtown area. Mr. Brinson has been a committed and determined force for improvement in the downtown, and his efforts yielded real and significant change.

Past President Janet Sylvain said, “CCRC faced a lot of challenges during the time he served, and the Downtown District benefited each year from the projects he led and/or worked on.” The results of his initiatives helped to reduce loitering and curtail illegal dumping in downtown alleys. He spearheaded street improvement projects as well and zoning and ordinance changes that benefited property owners.

It is with deep gratitude that CCRC acknowledges Mr. Brinson’s community contributions. He will be missed!



**Community Resources & Partners**

**Black Talon Security**

Dispatch 707-975-2166

Security is provided in the downtown 5 days a week, 10-6.

Officers Leo Osias, Michael George, Will Withers and Rony Banaria.

**Neighborhood Law Program** 707-648-4146

As part of a two year pilot program, NLP lawyers Eli Flushman and Ryan Griffiths work with the Vallejo Police Department, Code Enforcement Division and other departments, to abate the City's most unfavorable nuisances and improve the quality of life in Vallejo.

**City of Vallejo** **Website**

www.ci.vallejo.ca.us

A great and accessible resource where you can sign up to receive city updates, access the city calendar, and participate in Open City Hall, an online forum for civic engagement.

**Vallejo Main Street** 707-315-5282

vallejomainstreet.org

Community Partner in Downtown Development

Gregg Goins, President

**Welcome to CCRC**

Welcome to the current issue of CCRC’s Property and Business Improvement District (PBID) newsletter. This newsletter is designed to provide downtown property owners, business owners and other interested persons with information about activities conducted by the CCRC, as well as developments involving the downtown. To join our mailing list, please **send your email address to ccrcvallejo@gmail.com** or sign up through our new website.

**List Your Property**

We will post your commercial listings to increase your leasing and purchase opportunities. This free service is available to all stakeholders. Email ccrcvallejo@gmail.com and we will get your listing online! Please include up to 4 photos of your property and up to 300 characters of text describing your property.

**Force for Good!**

Many of you are familiar with the bicycle officers that patrol our downtown. Officers Michael George, Will Withers, Leo Osias and Rony Banaria are the dedicated Black Talon Security officers that patrol daily to keep the peace in the downtown district. Their daily presence is invaluable in a city where our police force is understaffed and often unable to actively address issues particular to the Downtown District. They are a great resource in reinforcing CCRC’s efforts to efficiently address issues involving graffiti, illegal dumping, nuisance issues and code enforcement in collaboration with city agencies. Additionally they work closely with Vallejo Police Department to support the management of the downtown. Board Member Jim Barcewski is the new committee chair over security and can be reached at 707-644-8887 if you have any questions regarding security. Black Talon dispatch is 707.975.2166.

**Your CCRC Board**

Pres. Buck Kamphausen, Skyview Memorial

VP Phil Elfstrom, Evergreen Trust

Secretary Bob Lando, Vallejo Maine Partners

Treasurer Robert Litwin, Bay Property

Jim Barcewski, Georgia Street Plaza

John Dooley, Member-at-large

David Fischer, Downtown Property Owner

Ken Ingersoll, Gracie’s Barbeque

Fred Sessler, Sessler Realty

Janet Sylvain, Pieced On Earth

Annette Taylor, City of Vallejo

We are here for you, the stakeholders of CCRC. Please let us know of your concerns and ideas for the improvement of our downtown!

**Some Who, What and Why**

CCRC: Central Core Restoration Corporation

Established: 2001, in response to the particular need s of our downtown historic and commercial district which was in need of more resources than could be provided by city agencies and the police department.

How are we funded? We are funded by tax assessments which were approved at the time of establishment by downtown property owners.

Purpose: Our purpose is to revitalize and promote the economic well-being of Downtown Vallejo through the proactive utilization of our management district, the creation of Downtown Vallejo public-private partnerships, and related activities.

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**Board Membership**

CCRC accepts applications for committed people to serve on our board as directors or alternate directors. Our 11-person board is made up of property owners or their representatives, business owners, and at-large members within our district boundaries (see map p. 3).

If you meet the criteria above and are interested in working to help the downtown develop, please contact our office at **707.557.6762** for application information, or print out the downloadable form at **downtownvallejo.com** and return to Erin Bakke, Executive Coordinator, 301 Georgia St., Suite 290, Vallejo CA 94590**.**

**CCRC Mission Statement**

Our mission is to revitalize Historic Old Town Vallejo as the Main Street of commercial and cultural activity that promotes shopping, working, dining, and living in a secure and progressive environment.

Around Downtown:

Calendar of Events

Gracie’s friday night summer music series

Every Friday, June through September

Gracie's BBQ, 1801 Sonoma Blvd  
(707) 552-2254

Farmer’s Market

Saturdays from 9-1

300-400 Block of Georgia St

Pacific Coast Farmers Market (925) 825-9090

Empress Wednesday Night Ramble

Wednesdays from 7-10

Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St

Tickets $7 in Advance/ $9 Door

Blues, Americana, roots, Rock, R &B

(707) 552-2400 or EmpressTheatre.org

Vallejo Admirals Baseball!

Check out their schedule at www.vallejoadmirals.com

CCRC Board of Directors Meetings

Your CCRC Board of Directors meets regularly to review PBID operations, plan future activities, accept reports from its contractors and to seek input from stakeholders and others. Meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of each month at 4:15 in the 2nd floor conference room at 301 Georgia Street. The meeting agendas are posted at this location and are also available at [www.downtownvallejo.com](http://www.downtownvallejo.com).

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