



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2024-135: To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift of the parcel of real property known as 436 Calhoun Street, and commonly known as the "Calhoun Family Investment Center," from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, for the purpose of maintaining such parcel as a community center.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: May 21, 2024

PETITIONER

City of Richmond, Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities

LOCATION

436 Calhoun Street

PURPOSE

Location, character, and extent review of the request to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the transfer of real property from Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) at 436 Calhoun Street (Tax Parcel No. N0000251009), containing approximately 2.25 acres. This ordinance would also authorize the CAO to accept deed and title to such property for the purpose of maintain such property as a community center.

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF) managed the center for decades before RRHA took control of the center in the late 1990's. The building was constructed in 1970 and has received limited capital improvements over the past 50+ years, now requiring a major renovation. The Calhoun Community Center will be a key recreational and community asset of the Gilpin Court community.

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Site Description

The Calhoun Community Center is located at the intersection of Chamberalyne Parkway and Calhoun Street. The facility, which sits on an approximately 5-acre site, was constructed in 1970. The current zoning for the property is R-53 Multifamily Residential.

Proposed Use of the Property

Community Center

Master Plan

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates Mayo's Island as Public Open Space, which is defined as "public and quasi-public parks, recreation areas, open spaces, and cemeteries. That include passive and active recreation, natural habitats, cemeteries, and large plazas."

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