

The Crossing Hotel – Land Use Permits Approved by the Planning Commission

The City is pleased to announce that last Tuesday evening the Planning Commission unanimously approved the remaining land use permits necessary to realize the community's vision for a modern new hotel at The Crossing. The City had advertised the public hearing in the newspaper and sent notices to neighbors within 300' of the property. No members of the public spoke in opposition to the project.

This action paves the way for approximately one hundred good construction jobs and dozens of good, full time hotel operations jobs after the hotel opens. Once the hotel is completed, estimated to be within about 30 months, residents, their families, and visiting guests will finally be able to use the 3,000 square feet of meeting space right here in San Bruno for events such as weddings, parties, and other celebrations and meetings.

Some members of an out-of-town union, Local 2, are suggesting that the City reversed itself on a "promise" to force the developer to use union labor for construction and/or hotel operations, pointing to the apartments at The Crossing and the commercial center, which includes Jack's Restaurant. This isn't correct. Those projects needed City redevelopment money to be realized, which triggered a legal requirement to use prevailing rate for construction only, and not operations. In contrast, the City is not paying any taxpayer money or subsidy of any kind to the hotel developer. Others are advocating that the City would be better off financially if it did not restrict the use of the property for development of a hotel and sold the property for development as housing or office use. This is also incorrect.

The hotel won't get built at all, and there will be no new jobs, union or otherwise, if the project is delayed or put on hold. As it sits vacant, the hotel parcel won't generate either the \$3.96 million appraised sales value of the property or the \$1 million in annual hotel tax income - income that only a hotel will provide - that could be used to enhance City services and programs. Please visit the City's website at www.sanbruno.gov for more information about the financial and community benefits of this exciting project!