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VALLEJO PLANNING COMMISSION OKs 126 HOMES ON MARE ISLAND

VALLEJO – The Planning Commission of the City of Vallejo unanimously approved an application to build 126 single-family homes at the former Farragut Village site on Mare Island. The site was formerly used for military housing consisting of approximately 100 duplexes.

The return of a residential community to Mare Island is an important milestone in the reuse of the former naval shipyard, said Tom Sheaff of Lennar Mare Island.

“Mare Island is a true mixed use development and homes will compliment the growing Mare Island business community.” Employees of the 70 businesses currently located on Mare Island are already asking when homes will be available for sale, Sheaff said.

The subdivision takes a 25-acre parcel and divides it into 126 residential home sites ranging from 4,380 square feet to 12,490 square feet and includes a 1.7-acre community park and another .33 acres of open space.

“The housing element is another important step in the reuse of Mare Island,” said Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Jr. “These homes will mean more jobs, the need for more retail services on Mare Island, and will add to the attractiveness of the project now and into the future.”

Some home sites will have three floor plans with 3 to 4 bedrooms and 2 to 3 car garages. There are four different elevation types,” said Mark Day, of the Dahlin Group, at the Planning Commission meeting held Monday. “There are three floor plans with four elevations for each one, giving a total of twelve types. We have a Bungalow, an Italianate, a Spanish style, and a farmhouse look. All these are designed to be compatible with Mare Island’s rich architectural heritage.”

Construction on homes is expected to commence in early 2005.