





Market Research

RETAIL | THIRD QUARTER | 2009

LESS BAD IS GOOD!

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Third Quarter Overview

With the U S economy beginning to show slight signs of improvement, so has retail leasing. Tenants in the discount, wireless, drug store, automotive and quick serve restaurant categories are looking to expand. There has never been a better time for expansion with bargains galore, available in locations that previously were too costly, or unavailable.

Many landlords have had to face difficult decisions on the benefits of filling up vacant spaces and keeping tenants or holding out for transactions that make economic sense in the future. Filling space is not easy or cheap. To make deals, landlords are offering: rent of up to 30% less than two years ago; increased tenant improvement allowances; time to build out spaces; and free rent. The time to negotiate a lease now takes months rather than weeks and during that time, tenants often come back to the table to "re-trade" the deal.

Reno/Sparks Retail Market

Although the overall vacancy rate is the highest in history, it has remained relatively level this year with the third quarter ending at 15.4% versus the national average of 10.3% as reported by Bloomberg. Because store closings are not reaching anticipated levels, we expect the year-end vacancy number will remain stable, which is a bright spot in a year of gloom. However, the bad news is that retailers did everything they could in 2009 and those retailers that are still struggling, despite lease restructuring and cost cutting on all controllable expenses (including labor), may have to close their doors during the first half of 2010.

Overall average asking rents decreased slightly to \$1.77 per square foot from \$1.79 the previous quarter and \$1.85 year-end 2008. There is currently 2.36 million square feet of vacant space on the market, of which eighteen spaces are over 20,000 square feet. Net absorption totaled 25,693 square feet for the third quarter and 186,000 square feet year-to-date, which is due primarily to stores opening in Legends at Sparks Marina.



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For landlords, receiving another request for rent relief is nerveracking. On the other hand, there are benefits that can be sought in connection with temporary rent relieve such as "blending and extending the lease"; renegotiation of co-tenancy, use, continuous operation, relocation, termination and percentage rent provisions. A top priority for most landlords and brokers is holding onto current tenants and to work with those with a viable business model.

Unemployment, Sales Tax Revenues and Housing

Job losses, the downturn in the residential market and consumer confidence continued to impact spending levels. The unemployment rate in Washoe County climbed to 13.4% compared to the U.S. average of 9.8%. In Washoe County, retail sales remain soft and declined 18.1% over August 2008 (September numbers were not available at this writing). On a national level, The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) reported that national same store sales for September increased slightly year-over-year by .1%, which is encouraging as it is the first year-over-year increase in fourteen months.

There is also renewed hope in the residential market as activity in re-sales was up 41% from last year and 9% from the previous quarter in Washoe County. The median sales price of a home is currently \$183,250, a decrease of 25% from the previous year and only a 1% decrease from the previous quarter.

Investments

Those who hoped the second half of the year would bring a long awaited return of investment sales are probably disappointed. At the end of the third quarter, sales of single tenant triple net leased investment sales continued to occur; however, transactions over \$5 million were sluggish. The bid/ask gap appears to be narrowing, but many owners are choosing not to sell unless they have to. Additionally, banks are beginning to extend or remake loans rather than foreclose or put them on the market.

New and Proposed Developments

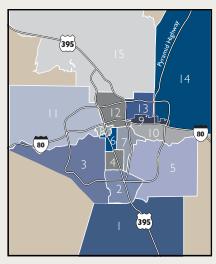
The Legends at Sparks Marina has been responsible for much of the new construction, absorption numbers and tenant activity in the past year with their impressive lineup of tenants and amenities. While there are numerous proposed projects, we do not foresee any significant construction anytime soon, with the exception of future phases of The Legends, Summit Sierra and the redevelopment of Park Lane Mall.

Retail Tenant Activity

A jaunt through the area's shopping centers tells the story; the economic climate the past two years has hammered the retail industry. Consumers have put away their credit cards, are spending

RETAIL MARKET STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2009															
EXISTING PROPERTIES			DIRECT VACANCY		SUBLEASE VACANCY		TOTALVACANCY			NET ABSORPTION		CONSTRUCTION		RENT	
QUARTER	BLDGS	TOTAL INVENTORY SQUARE FEET	square feet	RATE	SQUARE FEET	RATE	SQUARE FEET	RATE 3Q2009	RATE PRIOR QUARTER	CURRENT OCCUPIED SQUARE FEET	3Q2009	YEAR TO DATE	COMPLETED THIS QUARTER	UNDER CONST.	AVERAGE ASKING
QUARTERLY COMPARISON AND TOTALS															
Q3-2009	169	15,309,141	2,213,924	14.46%	150,350	0.98%	2,364,274	15.44%	15.42%	12,944,867	25,693	186,242	10,400	69,020	\$1.77
Q2-2009	166	15,274,412	2,222,491	14.55%	132,747	0.87%	2,355,238	15.42%	14.98%	12,919,174	249,752	192,051	345,802	38,000	\$1.79
Q1-2009	164	14,895,276	2,099,584	14.10%	132,422	0.89%	2,232,006	14.98%	14.05%	12,663,270	(43,569)	(43,569)	178,789	293,590	\$1.80
Q4-2008	164	14,783,762	1,993,201	13.48%	83,722	0.57%	2,076,923	14.05%	11.61%	12,706,839	(180,106)	(225,515)	275,100	381,494	\$1.85
Q3-2008	159	14,579,349	1,617,982	11.10%	74,422	0.51%	I,692,404	11.61%	9.18%	12,886,945	(,445)	(45,409)	277,594	779,113	\$1.83
Q2-2008	157	14,275,710	1,238,188	867.%	72,457	0.51%	1,310,645	9.18%	8.21%	12,965,065	(91,936)	60,036	70,700	I,002,033	\$1.81
Q1-2008	150	14,225,227	1,104,293	7.76%	63,933	0.45%	1,168,226	8.21%	8.17%	13,057,001	157,972	157,972	136,396	911,223	\$1.86
MARKET ACTIVITY significant third quarter 2009 transactions															
SIGNIFICANT LEASES															
PROPERT	Y ADD	RESS			DATE		SQUARE FEET			TENANT			TYPE		
6401-6485	6401-6485 S Virginia St			Q309			31,400			Goodwill Industries			Community Center		
Silverada Plaza			Q309			14,512		Dollar Tree			Power Center				
500 E Moa	ina				Q309		8	,046		Consignment	: Furniture c	of Reno		Freest	anding
SIGNIFICANT SALES															
PROPERTY ADDRESS					SQUARE FEET			BUYER/SELLER			TYPE				
North Reno Plaza - 1801-2375 Silverada Blvd					129,960 Seller -		Seller - Kimco	eller - Kimco			Neighbood Center				

Buyer - North Reno Plaza LLCv



SUBMARKET MAP KEY

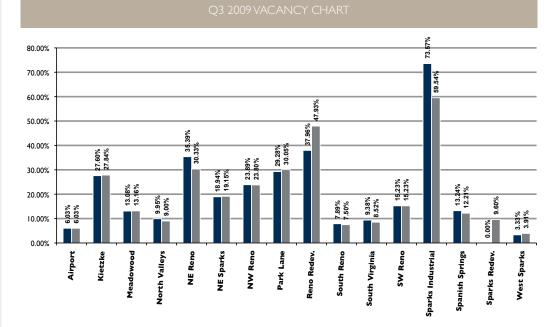
ID	SUBMARKET
	South Reno
2	Meadowood
3	Southwest Reno
4	Parklane
5	Airport
6	South Virginia
7	Kietzke
8	Reno Redevelopment
9	Sparks Redevelopment
10	Sparks Industrial
	Northwest Reno
12	Northeast Reno
13	West Sparks
14	NorthEast Sparks
15	North Valleys

less and trying to save more. Alternatively, they simply do not have any money to spend. In spite of this, leasing activity has picked up locally and deals are getting done as shown on the "Retail Tenant Activity" table. In some retail sectors, better-run firms are not only surviving, but growing, while competitors downsize or go out of business. According to Retail Traffic, ten retailers gaining strength from the recession include: Aaron's Rents, Aeropostale, Amazon, Buckle, Dollar Tree, Gamestop, O'Reilly Automotive (acquired Kragen Auto Parts), Priceline, Staples and Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance.

Forecast

There are mixed reports about Christmas; then again, the most recent sales indicate that this season will be stronger than last year's disastrous holiday shopping season.

It is no big secret that retail has been hit hard with sharp drops in retail sales, closings, bankruptcies, liquidations, reduced expansions, and a large consumer flight to value. We do remain cautiously optimistic that vacancy and rent levels are close to bottoming out and year-end figures will be relatively stable. Watch out for potential store closings the first half of 2010 with a very slow recovery beginning in the second or third quarter of 2010. It will be a while before we are out of the woods; however, for now-less bad is indeed good!



2Q 2009 = 3Q 2009

LEASES EXECUTED/COMPLETED	PENDING ACTIVITY	CLOSED	
Super Wal-Mart Tribal Land	Super Wal-Mart North Valleys	Anne Taylor Loft	
JC&C Wireless-	Ross	Aldo Shoes	
U-Swirlz Yogurt	Kohl's in Carson	Pick Up Stix	
Leslie's Pool Mart	Popeye's	Asian Bistro	
Heidi's (relocation)	Firestone	Pita Pit (Sparks)	
Peg's Ham & Eggs	Dollar Tree	Fox Pizza	
Fresh & Easy—Los Altos	Fast Food Restaurants	Name Droppers	
Dollar Tree (relocation)	Casual Dining Restaurants		
T-Mobile	Great Basin Brewery		
Dotty's	Ultimate Electronics		
China King Restaurant	Hobby Lobby		
Cricket	O'Rileys/Kragen		
Century 21	Discount Tire		
Auto Zone			
Walgreen's			
Denny's			
IMAXTheater			
Fuji Sushi			
Anytime Fitness			
	JC&C Wireless- U-Swirlz Yogurt Leslie's Pool Mart Heidi's (relocation) Peg's Ham & Eggs Fresh & Easy—Los Altos Dollar Tree (relocation) T-Mobile Dotty's China King Restaurant Cricket Century 21 Auto Zone Walgreen's Denny's IMAX Theater Fuji Sushi	JC&C Wireless- U-Swirlz Yogurt Ross U-Swirlz Yogurt Ropeye's Heidi's (relocation) Firestone Peg's Ham & Eggs Dollar Tree Fresh & Easy—Los Altos Fast Food Restaurants Dollar Tree (relocation) Casual Dining Restaurants Dollar Tree (relocation) Casual Dining Restaurants T-Mobile Great Basin Brewery Dotty's Ultimate Electronics China King Restaurant Hobby Lobby Cricket O'Rileys/Kragen Century 21 Discount Tire Auto Zone Walgreen's Denny's IMAX Theater Fuji Sushi	

Q3 RETAIL AT A GLANCE

	Q3 – 2009			
Population Washoe County **	436,776**			
Total Inventory *:	15,309,141/SF			
Overall Vacancy:	15.44%			
Monthly Average Asking Rents:	\$1.79/SF			
Monthly NNN:	\$0.31 - \$0.90			
Net Absorption:	192,051/SF			
New Construction Completed:	10,400/SF			
Under Construction:	69,020/SF			
Large Land Parcels:	\$8 - \$12/SF			
Asking Pad Prices:	\$12 - \$25/SF			
Annual Ground Rents	\$45,000 - \$100,000			
(I.E. restaurant pad):				
Unemployment	13.1%			
(Reno-Sparks MSA)				
*Excludes Regional malls and centers under 10,000/SF				

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Year End 2008 423,833 14,783,762/SF 14.05% \$1.85/SF \$0.31 - \$0.71 -255,515/SF 275,100/SF 381,494/SF \$10 - \$15 SF \$18 - \$30/SF \$55,000 - \$125,000

294 OFFICES IN 61 COUNTRIES ON 6 CONTINENTS

USA 94 Canada 22 Latin America 17 EMEA 97 Asia/Pacific 64

\$1.6 Billion in Revenue

1.1 Billion SF Under Management

12,749 Professionals

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