

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 99-225

Accepting the Siting Advisory Committee Recommendation to Proceed with Securing the 102nd and E. Burnside site for Potential Co-location of the Child Receiving Center and the Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team; and Directing a Public Siting Process.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. In May 1996 Multnomah County voters approved Ballot Measure No. 26-45, authorizing the issuance of \$79.7 million in General Obligation Bonds to be used for facilities that would improve public safety. These facilities include “a Child Abuse Center that responds to increased victimization of children and the excess time many children spend in police custody waiting for placement and evaluation.” On October 1, 1996, the County issued Public Safety General Obligation Bonds to fund that center.
- b. Over 2000 times a year, a child in Multnomah County must be removed from his or her home for the child’s own safety. Because there is no 24-hour facility consistently available to take in and care for children, the children are sometimes forced to ride in the back of a patrol car or sit at a caseworker’s desk for hours, while attempts at placement are made,.
- c. The current system limits opportunities for family visitation and family reunification efforts.
- d. A Siting Advisory Committee (SAC) was appointed by the Chair to recommend a site for the new Child Abuse Center, also known as the Receiving Center, to the Board of County Commissioners (Board).
- e. The SAC explored improved or unimproved properties that could serve as a location for the Child Receiving Center, and potential co-located services under three general scenarios:
 - i. Receiving Center with a child/family service facility, not to exceed \$4,000,000; or,
 - ii. Receiving Center complex with the Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) co-located on a single site, at about \$6,000,000 but in no case to exceed \$7,000,000; or,
 - iii. Receiving Center and MDT/CAT co-developed on separate but conveniently located sites at about \$6,000,000 but in no case to exceed \$7,000,000, or as further directed by the Board.
- f. On November 2, 1999, the SAC presented their recommendations to the Board which included site recommendations for each of the above options.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

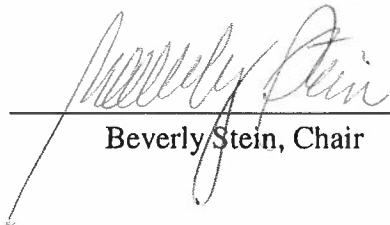
1. The Board accepts the SAC's unanimous recommendation for the co-location of the Receiving Center and MDT, and unanimous endorsement of the site at 102nd and East Burnside as their preference for all options.
2. The Facilities and Property Division of the Department of Environmental Services will negotiate to secure the 102nd and East Burnside site for a period that allows the County to perform necessary due diligence inspection and testing of the site and structures and to conduct a public siting process.
3. District Attorney Michael Schrunk will work with the Public Affairs Office to develop a plan for a public siting process for the 102nd and East Burnside site. Under County siting policy, after consulting with the district's Commissioner, the Chair must approve the plan. Notice will be given to the neighborhood around the 102nd and East Burnside site that the County is considering purchasing the site for the Receiving Center and MDT, and the Board will provide an opportunity for public comment.

Approved this 16th day of November 1999.



REVIEWED: 11/16/99

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