# Fairfax San Anselmo Children's Center Update on Purchase Proposal

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## Overview



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# Background: Negotiating a Solution

- Deer Park Working Group identified three potential pathways to explore by August 2023
  - 1) FSACC to purchase property from RVSD
  - 2) Other entity to purchase property and lease to FSACC
  - 3) FSACC to relocate to another site
- In March 2023, MCOE initiated effort to potentially purchase; FSACC continued to pursuing #1 and #3 to the extent possible

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# Revisit of Other Pathways

- August 2023 Upon MCOE announcement it would not purchase the Deer Park property due to cost of upgrades required to comply with Field Act, FSACC requested a short lease extension in order to determine a pathway to continue operations (relocation or purchase)
- August 2023 through January 2024 FSACC did extensive due diligence to determine a viable solution:
  - Participated in 4 month discovery effort to identify an alternative site led by MCOE & County
  - Hired consultant to project manage workstreams related to purchasing and upgrading the property
  - Contracted with an architect, structural engineer, and contractor all with childcare center code requirements and expertise to evaluate the safety of the property and necessary upgrades
    - Sourced funds to purchase the property through public and private funders

# MCOE Task Force: Summary Findings

- The MCOE task force was established to engage stakeholder partners in a collaborative effort to find a solution to protect and maintain the valuable state funded childcare seats provided by FSACC. The task force recognized the need to ensure continuity of these critical services to low-income families. Task force:
  - Met 2 x per month over the course of 4 months.
  - Offered careful consideration to over 25 locations throughout the County with a focus in Ross Valley and Central Marin including public and private schools, summer camps, community-based organizations, churches, municipalities.
  - Engaged and provided specs to a commercial real estate broker for recommendations

#### Conclusion: No alternative location for lease or purchase was identified.



Proposed Purchase & Sale Agreement ("PSA") November 2023 – FSACC delivered offer to RVSD based on the terms initially negotiated with RVSD via Deer Park Working Group, including:

- Purchase price of \$1,561,500
- Nonrefundable deposit of \$156,150
- Land and structures sold "as is"
- Reversionary Provisions:
  - Restricts property for sole use as childcare center
  - Option for RVSD to repurchase property from FSACC if necessary to be used as a school after 17 years



## Methodology for Purchase Price

The Offer amount was determined by a discount formula established by the Deer Park Working Group. It is predicated on the % of FSACC school-aged students who are entering or currently enrolled at a RVSD school.

The 5 year average (for school years 2017-2022) of the % FSACC students attending a RVSD school: 47.95%

Discount formula: \$3M (Appraised value) x .4795 (crossover %) = \$1,438,500

Offer: \$1.561M = \$3M (Appraisal) - \$1.438M (Discount)



# Purchase Capacity

- FSACC currently has access to sufficient funds to purchase the property at the offered price.
- Purchase offer <u>not</u> contingent on availability of financing
- 10% non-refundable deposit

Source	Amount
MCF Grant	\$750,000
Marin County	\$250,000
Fundraised	
(events and individual donations)	\$62,000
FSACC Reserves	\$100,000
MCF Loan	\$400,000
TOTAL	\$1,562,000



Current and Potential Funding for Upgrades

- FSACC reserves \$400,000
- Marin Community Foundation loan \$100,000
- Marin County \$250,000
- US Bank letter of intent for (loan) \$2,000,000
- Town of Fairfax –\$25,000 proposed grant on 2/7 council agenda, pending approval
- Fown of San Anselmo TBD
- First 5 Marin pledge amount TBD
- CDBG grant funds potential for up to \$40,000
- Capital campaign –fundraising from public & private funders



Enhanced Leadership and Operational Capacity

- FSACC has contracted with:
  - Non-profit consultant Stephanie Hellman
  - Facilities Management Sean Lowery
  - Architect Studio Bondy Architecture
  - Structural Engineer Harrell Kane Structural Engineers, Inc.
  - Construction Meylan Construction
- Board expanded by 50%, increasing skills set
- Capital campaign expert engaged



# Safety is Paramount

- The building today is not unsafe
  - Experts advise upgrades are voluntary
  - > FSACC is currently in compliance with:
    - California HHS Childcare Licensing
    - Fairfax Building Code
    - Local RVFD Fire Code (inspection 12/23)
- The Center intends to modernize the facility to:
  - Address deferred maintenance
  - > Ensure future safety
  - Invest in long term sustainability



Town of Fairfax Planning and Building Department

- December 2023 Building Official, Mark Lockaby, from the Town of Fairfax inspected the property with architects and found:
  - Any upgrades to mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems are "voluntary".
  - Seismic or other upgrades trigger compliance with other codes including ADA.
  - Upgrades can be done in Phases. This will allow the FSACC to operate during construction without relocation or use of portables.



Facility Upgrades

- Since September, FSACC has had over 15 site visits by their architects, engineers and construction partners to determine a project plan for seismic and recommended improvements to modernize the facility. Fire safety work and accessibility prioritized.
  - Project is structured in 2 Phases allowing continued operations without relocation or use of temporary buildings (portables).
  - Phase 1 (A & B) prioritizes complete redesign of parking lot – repaving and improved fire access, ADA, Bathrooms and Lower Wing upgrades. Est cost: \$3M
  - Phase 2 is Upper Wing and Multi-purpose room. Est cost: \$3-5M

# Estimated Cost of Upgrades – Phase 1

## Phase 1A: Est. \$1 million

- Parking lot ; pre-infrastructure built in
- ADA ramp from lower wing
- Retaining wall
- Best in class Fire Alarm system
- Lower wing building:
  - Roof, sheering, gutters
  - Bathrooms
  - Doors, double pane windows
  - ✤ HVAC replacement
  - Necessary Abatement
  - Insulation, sheetrock, paint, flooring
  - ✤ Wiring/electrical & lighting

#### Phase 1B: Est. \$2 million

- > Reconfiguration of boiler room
- Reconfiguration of boys & girls bathrooms
- Reconfiguration of electrical system
- Office admin building:
  - Roof, sheering, gutters
  - Doors, double pane windows
  - ✤ HVAC replacement
  - Necessary Abatement
  - Insulation, sheetrock, paint, flooring
  - Wiring/electrical & lighting

# Estimated Cost of Upgrades – Phase 2

### Phase 2: Est. \$3-5 million

- Upper wing building and multipurpose room:
  - Roof, sheering, gutters
  - Bathrooms
  - Doors, double pane windows
  - HVAC replacement
  - Necessary Abatement
  - Insulation, sheetrock, paint, flooring
  - ↔ Wiring/electrical & lighting



# Summary





- FSACC is grateful to the RVSD for all the work put into this process and look forward to further discussions on achieving a solution
- FSACC has the financial and leadership capacity to purchase, maintain, and upgrade the property
- Absent a lease extension or sale, the FSACC will be forced to cease operations as there are no viable alternative sites for relocation