Summary Title: Cubberley Community Center

Title: Direction on Submission of Letter of Interest to Foothill College Regarding new Education Center at Cubberley Community Center

From: City Manager

Lead Department: City Manager

Recommendation
Staff recommends that Council direct staff to submit a Letter of Interest to Foothill College to pursue discussions to locate a new Education Center on the City owned 8 acres at the Cubberley Community Center.

Executive Summary
Foothill/DeAnza Community College District continues to express interest in building an Education Center in Palo Alto. The City of Palo Alto owns eight acres on the northern end of the Cubberley Community Center. The balance of the site, 27 acres, is owned by Palo Alto Unified School District and is leased back to the City.

Foothill will be completing its evaluation of various sites in and around Palo Alto this summer and has asked the City to indicate its interest by early-mid July. A non-binding letter of interest, at this initial stage, enables the City to pursue exploratory discussions with Foothill that will inform a subsequent public decision regarding the City’s eight acres.

Background
Foothill/DeAnza Community College District has issued a Request for Offers as a part of the process for locating a new Education Center in Palo Alto, Mountain View, or Sunnyvale. In their Request for Offers for a site for a new Education Center, they describe the new Center as follows:

The new Education Center will provide a state-of-the-art educational...
facility serving Silicon Valley through programs and partnerships that seamlessly transition individuals from high school to community college to the university and the workplace as well as offering a rich array of lifelong learning opportunities.

While their Request for Offers established a June 20, 2011 submission deadline for offers from private sector brokers, the Foothill Board has also directed Foothill staff to explore possible sites within the City of Palo Alto and the City of Sunnyvale. Staff’s understanding is that the city responses are not due on June 20, 2011 but are expected soon after to be considered by the Board later this summer. City offers may take a different form than the response guidelines for private sector brokers. The eight acres the City owns at Cubberley is the Palo Alto location that would be considered, if the City responds.

Staff expects that we need to formally respond to Foothill by early-mid July. If at all interested in the possibility of consideration, the City of Palo Alto will need to provide a formal Letter of Interest to Foothill soon.

Foothill has informed the City that during July, Foothill staff will review all submissions and then at their August Board meeting, the Foothill Board will select a respondent to explore more in-depth discussions with and negotiations potentially leading to an agreement “regarding conveyance or sale” of the land for the new Education Center.

Action that will be needed by the City Council within the next few weeks is whether or not to submit a Letter of Interest. If the Council decides it will not submit a letter, that decision eliminates Palo Alto from consideration as a location for a new Education Center and Foothill will locate in another city. We can also expect a dramatic reduction in Foothill programs offered at Cubberley as well as a significant reduction in lease payments to the City.

If the City does submit a Letter of Interest, it is no guarantee that the City of Palo Alto will be chosen at the August Foothill Board meeting as the preferred location. And if we are selected, then in depth discussions and negotiations will follow. As with any such discussions, there is no guaranteed that an agreement will be reached.
If the City were ultimately considering sale of its eight acres, the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) has the right of first refusal and may purchase the City’s eight acres at the current market value. PAUSD must exercise its option within 90 days of receiving notice from this City of its intent to sell to another party. Because a Letter of Interest is non-binding and merely initiates discussions, the PAUSD first right of refusal would not be triggered. The City would seek as much support as possible from PAUSD in these preliminary discussions knowing that it would ultimately be able to exercise its option to purchase in the future.

Discussion
In order to keep the conversation going with Foothill and to have time for our own Council and community discussion, staff recommends that the City submit a Letter of Interest. If the Council wants to end the conversation now, you will want to direct us to not respond to Foothill.

The City Manager has been talking to PAUSD as these Foothill timelines unfolded this spring. PAUSD has been having their own discussions regarding Foothill’s interest in the City’s eight acres and the details of their proposal. Finally, if there is other information or discussion the Council wants to have, we can continue this discussion as needed to your July 11, 2011 meeting.

There has been some misinformation and confusion about the potential action the City might take at this Council Meeting on June 27. This Action Item is not the Council decision to sell it’s eight acres at Cubberley. It is a discussion and potential action on indicating its desire to enter into discussions and negotiations with Foothill about a possible sale or lease for use as a new Education Center.

Attachments:
- a: Attachment A-Cubberley (PDF)
- b: Attachment B-Cubberley (PDF)
- c: Public Letters to Council-Cubberley-1 (PDF)
- d: Public Letters to Council -Cubberley-2 (PDF)
REQUEST FOR OFFERS:

Potential property acquisition for a community college Education Center in Palo Alto, Mountain View or Sunnyvale.

Foothill De-Anza College District ("FHDA") is interested in the acquisition of 8-12 acres of land to be zoned institutional for the construction of a new Education Center. We are seeking all interested parties with either undeveloped land, or developed land with buildings suitable for use as an Education Center.

The new Education Center will provide a state-of-the-art educational facility serving Silicon Valley through programs and partnerships that seamlessly transition individuals from high school to community college to the university and the workplace as well as offering a rich array of lifelong learning opportunities. A Vision-Mission statement for the Center is included as Attachment A.

FHDA is currently in discussions with the Cities of Palo Alto and Sunnyvale regarding conveyance or sale of City owned/controlled properties that may be suitable for use as an Education Center site. Should these discussions result in suitable terms and conditions, these opportunities will be evaluated along with offers received under this solicitation to determine the selected site.

The basic parameters for the property include the following factors:

Due Date

☐ The due date for all offers is 5:00 PM on June 20, 2011 at:

Foothill – De Anza Community College District
12345 El Monte Road,
Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Attn: Charles Allen
Building D160

Location

• A location in Palo Alto, Mountain View, or Sunnyvale that provides access for the greatest number of students with community integration and acceptance. A location that enhances potential for regional educational collaboration and partnerships with other public and commercial entities.
Development Program

- The initial phase facility requirements are 40,000 – 60,000 square feet, with 700 surface parking spaces.
- Ultimate build-out at the Center with future phases will be approximately 100,000 square feet with 1200 parking spaces (surface and/or structured parking).
- Land area requirement ranges from 8 to 14 acres

Project timing

- The District is interested in acquiring, developing and occupying the new Center within three years.

Evaluation Criteria

- Fit to campus mission and program
- Accessibility (public transportation, access, traffic, etc.)
- Identity & image
- Community compatibility, support and acceptance
- Deal complexity and contingencies
- Environmental quality
- Potential for community and business partnerships
- Financial terms, contingencies, & conditions
- Revenue enhancement potential

Selection process

The District will evaluate offers received, and enter into a period of exclusive negotiations with the preferred offer or offers with the intention of undertaking further due diligence, and preparing the transaction documents for the acquisition of the property.

Regulatory requirements and process

FHDA is a California community college district, one of three higher education systems in California, and is subject to all public laws and regulations relating to acquisition of new campus property. Acquiring land for the construction of a new education center is governed by regulations from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office and the California Postsecondary Education Commission. These two state agencies require specific information and data on any potential land site before the College can proceed with the construction of facilities.

Requested property information.
FHDA will conduct a thorough and intensive analysis once a preferred site is identified. In order to evaluate offers, and to determine their appropriateness, we are requesting that you provide information (per Attachment B) for any property that you would like considered. Following an initial review, FHDA may request additional information on those properties that appear to offer the best potential for a new Education Center.

Information meeting

The District will host an informational meeting to provide further information and to answer questions regarding its acquisition process, site and facility requirements, evaluation criteria and conditions relating to the acquisition of property. This meeting will be held at the following time and location:

- April 25, 2011 at 3:30 PM
- Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board Room
  12345 El Monte Road
  Los Altos Hills, CA. 94022

Questions and clarification

Proposers with questions or wishing clarification of the requirements relating to this request for offers may do so via email to Jim Goodell jim@publicprivateventures.net or by phone at 626-795-0919. Questions and responses, along with any supplemental information provided by the District, will be available at the following website:


Except with the person(s) identified above, contact shall not be made by the proposers to any other district staff or board of trustees members during the solicitation process.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Charles Allen
Executive Director, Facilities and Operations
Foothill De-Anza Community College District

Attachments:

Attachment A: Foothill Education Center Vision Statement
Attachment B: Property Information Questionnaire
ATTACHMENT A

Foothill-De Anza Education Center

THE VISION

A state-of-the-art educational center serving Silicon Valley through programs and partnerships that seamlessly transition individuals from high school to community college to the university and the workplace as well as offering a rich array of lifelong learning opportunities.

THE MISSION

The Center serves highly diverse student populations by offering support services and credit and noncredit programs in basic skills, transfer, and workforce preparation, as well as not-for-credit, fee-based community education. The target audiences are high school/regional occupational program graduates, workers who are retraining or upgrading skills, and lifelong learners.

THE OPPORTUNITIES

Programming is year-round and leverages partnerships with other colleges and universities, high schools, regional occupational programs, community based organizations, local government, business, and industry. Support services include placement testing, orientation, educational planning, job placement, internships, financial aid, tutoring, student activities, and veterans’ services.

The Center specializes in “gateway” curricula that lead to family-sustaining jobs while laying the foundation for continued studies in higher-level career areas.

Current and future programs include:

- Emergency Medical Technician: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
- Paramedic: 12-month program
- Pharmacy Technology: 9-month program
- Child Development: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12-24 month programs
- Mobile Web Application Development: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
- CISCO Networking: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
- Web Developer: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
- Language Academies: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
- ESLL Academy: 8 week accelerated program
- Solar Technology: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
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- Digital Literacy: 8 week (accelerated summer) and 12 month programs
- Geriatric Home Aide: 8 week program year round
- Job Readiness: 6 week program year round
- Family Care Provider: 8 week program year round
- Parenting Educator: 8 week program year round
- Geospatial Technology: 12 – 24 month programs

Current and future partners include:
- Mission College
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- Pacific Oaks University
- Catholic Charities
- NOVA
- Job Corps
- Central County Occupational Center
- Peninsula Boys & Girls Clubs
- Headstart
- Family Engagement Institute
- Mountain View/Los Altos Union High School District
- Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
- Mountain View/Los Altos Adult Education
- Fremont Union High School District
- Palo Alto Adult Education
- Santa Clara County Office of Education
- San Jose Fire Department
- Association of Mexican American Educators
- Apple
- Cisco
- PG&G
- SolarTech

Additionally, the Center is a popular community event venue with programs on weekends and evenings that appeal to lifelong learners who are interested in:

- Creative writing
- Wellness
- Popular culture
- Current Events
- Fine Arts
- Travel

Programs and partnerships will evolve over time, but those listed are illustrative of the breadth and depth of curricular offerings, support services, and collaborative efforts.
Attachment A — Cubberley (1866: Cubberley Community Center)

ATTACHMENT B

OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Owner name and contact information
2. Broker contacts, if any
3. Any contingencies to transfer of title to the District by the proposer

II. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

1. Description of location
2. Parcel map and assessor's parcel numbers
3. Site area (gross and usable acreage)
4. Current land uses and property conditions
5. Easements and other encumbrances
6. Topographic, seismic and soil conditions
7. Environmental conditions (e.g., hazardous materials, endangered species, wildlife habitat, wetlands, etc.)
8. Access and visibility (existing and planned roadways)
9. Availability of major utilities (existing and planned)

III. PROPERTY PLANS & CONTEXT

1. Existing or proposed plans for the property and adjoining area
2. Possible relationship of the new Education Center to area development plans

IV. GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS

1. Jurisdiction(s) with authority and discretionary approval over the subject property (e.g., land use and zoning, annexation, infrastructure and utilities)
2. General plan and zoning designation (current, pending and/or proposed) and Special zones/incentives, if applicable
3. Existing and proposed districts (e.g., CFD's Mello Roos districts, etc)
4. Annexation plans

V. ECONOMIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Proposed terms and conditions of transaction
2. Timing and other considerations
3. Opportunities for joint ventures, joint occupancy, revenue sharing or other means of securing long-term value for the College
November 3, 2009

Ms. Martha Miller, Director of Real Property
Real Estate Division
City of Palo Alto
250 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Re: Letter of Interest - 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Pursuant to our discussions this is a non-binding Letter of Interest ("LOI") that reflects certain essential terms to which the Foothill-De Anza Community College District ("FHDA") would agree to purchase the real property known as 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto ("the property"). If the City is interested in selling the property to FHDA subject to these essential terms, we suggest that each side appoint a set of negotiators to reach agreement on an acceptable price and any other necessary terms.

The essential terms FHDA would require include the following:

1. FHDA to purchase a fee-simple ownership in the property.

2. The property is owned in fee by the City and encompasses an area totaling approximately 8 acres.

3. FHDA has previously prepared a Facilities program, and schematic plan depicting a development of approximately 100,000 square feet. This represents the theoretical maximum build-out of the site. The development would be phased contingent on funding availability and enrollment demand.

4. Under the Civic Center Act, the above mentioned facilities would be made available for community use. However, FHDA's educational program and associated facility usage will in all cases have primacy over such community uses.

5. FHDA must have a permanent reciprocal use agreement to share presently existing surface parking on the remainder of the City owned or controlled site to insure adequate parking for the projected student population and FHDA uses. To the extent necessary to accomplish FHDA's purposes the City will use best efforts to facilitate a reciprocal parking use agreement with the Palo Alto Unified School District.

6. The City and FHDA jointly commissioned an appraisal of the site in 2008. The appraiser shall be re-commissioned and the outcome of this updated report shall become the basis for negotiations.
7. Off-site improvements:
   a. The City shall be and remain responsible for bringing adequate City owned utilities to
      the building site to include water, sewer, electrical and gas consistent with FHDA’s
      projected needs.
   b. The City shall be responsible for any offsite modifications necessary to provide vehicular
      and pedestrian direct access to the FHDA facilities from Middlefield Road.

8. The City will be responsible for relocation of its other tenants to facilitate FHDA’s needs including
   the primacy of FHDA educational programs at the site.

The parties agree that (1) this LOI is intended as an outline of certain essential business terms which will
serve as a basis to prepare the Purchase and Sale Agreement; and (2) this letter is not binding on the
parties, and neither party shall have any binding contractual obligations to the other with respect to the
matters referred to herein unless and until a formal Purchase and Sale Agreement has been prepared and
has been fully executed and delivered by the parties. This letter does not constitute a contract and is
intended solely as a preliminary expression of general intentions.

Best Regards,

[Signature]

[Name: Andrew Dunn, Vice Chancellor]

Business Services

C: Mike Brandy
   Charles Allen
   Judy Miner
   John Shupe
Subject: Taxpayer Subsidies of Resident/Non-Resident Artists At Cubberley Site

Elected Council Members:

This issue of sale of the 8-acre parcel on the Cubberley site is up for discussion again. This is a most reasonable path for the City to take, since the Cubberley Site belongs to the PAUSD, and Palo Alto residents have not found a use for this facility as was proposed back in the 1980s. What use there is, is by non-residents, who are not charged anything close to market rates for the space they are leased, leaving the PAU ratepayers with higher bills than necessary, in part to subsidize these non-residents via the Utility Users Tax (UUT).

Subsidy of Artists

It is my belief that Palo Alto has been very kind to "the arts" and to "artists" in general. Why, I'm not certain -- but the gift of land and a public building, purchase of "art" from artists for the public benefit, and the subsidization of a small number of professional artists at the Cubberley Center to the tune of more than $3M dollars from 1990-2000, and an estimated $4M-$6M from 2001-2011.

The following table is a list of the current artists at the Cubberley Center who are being subsidized by the Palo Alto TAX Payer in the past--

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The most recent lease data for artists does not seem to be on the City’s web-site, so this somewhat dated data is forwarded to the Council to make the point that the artists leasing these rooms are all professionals, and that they are not required to provide any specific services, or “give back” to Palo Alto, or discounts to Palo Altans. Begging the question—why should the Utility Tax Payers e subsidizing these particular people’s businesses?

Council Members—keeping track of this of data is time consuming, on the part of ordinary residents like myself. Why isn’t this sort of data required of the Finance Department? If it were, would it not become more obvious that the taxpayers are spending millions of dollars on subsidizing non-residents, many of whom have come to believe Palo Alto has an obligation to fund their activities, via access to public space, below market rentals/leases, and cash infusions into their organizations.

Council Members—Can you explain why the City seems to feel obligated to every special interest that makes demands of the Palo Alto’s residents, taxpayers and businesses?

Council Members—If all of the subsidies for special interest groups were summed, would it be hard to believe that the City would have $50M-$100M at its disposal for infrastructure refurbishment?

Council Members—The City can rid itself of many of these obligations by selling this 8-acre parcel for an appropriate price. There are a never-ending stream of people with dreams, and only so many dollars to go around. It’s high time that Palo Alto City Government operate on that premise.

Wayne Martin
Minor, Beth

From: DebraHolvick@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2011 12:53 PM
To: Council, City
Subject: Bad Idea: Selling Foothill College Cubberly High School

Dear City of Palo Alto Council Members,

It is a bad idea to sell the Cubberly High School land to Foothill College. Once you sell it, you never get it back, the money is spent and in the long run, all is lost. Real estate is too valuable between Mountain View and Redwood City to sell.

Remember, "You take care of real estate and real estate will take care of you".

I am not in favor of a long term lease to Foothill because it will hurt all of the arts, preschools and senior activities currently housed there.

I regret to say, I probably voted for this bond for Foothill, blindly supporting the community colleges. If I had known their plan was to buy more real estate and add locations, verses making their present main location better, I never would have supported this measure.

I take ballet classes at Zohars and I am therefore witness to many vital activities that could not exist in Palo Alto without Cubberly's low rent structure.

I see every day:
Lots of little girls in pink tutus and ballet slippers or tap shoes constantly being picked up or brought to the studios by parents, for their dance classes at various studios.
Teenagers come in the afternoon and weekends to take jazz and hip hop classes.
The preschool crowd, whether playing in their tanbark playground or in another group of rooms, learning the culture and language of Chinese.
Senior citizens playing tennis every morning in the tennis courts, next to the field.
Seniors playing table tennis in a room full of tennis tables in the main gymnasium.
Handicap seniors that get together every week in one of the classrooms to talk about their challenges and to support each other.
Firemen and policemen getting extra training.
High school age kids walking over to the adjacent grocery store on their break from taking classes.

I am sure there is much more, but this is what I see every day I go to my mid-morning ballet class at Cubberly High School

I urge you to go to the site, preferably at different times of the week and different times of the day, and take a walk around to see all that would be lost if the City of Palo Alto leases or sells this property to Foothill College.

After all, isn't quality of life one of the things that make Palo Alto unique?

Respectfully,

Debra Holvick

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6/20/2011
Dear City Council Member,

I am unable to attend the June 27th meeting so would like to send by email thoughts on the potential sale/lease of Cubberley space to Foothill College.

I urge you to not give up space presently utilized by many artists and community members.

If the facility were underutilized or its occupants could easily be accommodated elsewhere perhaps awarding Foothill College the space would be feasible. However, the space being considered for lease/sale is utilized by a wonderful variety of artists and community endeavors including

- Zohar, Dance Connection, and Dance Visions - along with many other individuals and schools that use their studio space.

- Many individual artists with studios ranging from painters and photographers to textiles and sculpting.

- Chinese Reading Room, Good Neighbor Montessori, Acme Education and Palo Alto Prep. Wildlife Rescue has been there longer than 15 years I believe.

These are just some of the groups that would potentially be displaced if the property is given to Foothill College.

A community center such as you've been able to provide simply cannot be replicated. It's quite a treasure and very worthwhile to protect.

The community college system, CSU and UC all face challenges financially but they have available to them a wide range of resources including state funds. Those you will displace have no such resources available to them. Should you take action to award Foothill the space you would quite literally be doing so at the expense of those least able to survive such a decision. This would take away from the community the very programs that make life special for so many.

It is important to maintain the commitments made for the long term when the community center came into existence.

No easy choices in this fiscal climate. Please try to preserve the wonderful resource you have and consider the impact your decision will have on the community and the artists/groups currently at Cubberley.

Respectfully,

Bethany Shifflett
Community Member
Dear honorable city council members,

I am writing to urge you to support the PAUSD and the City of Palo Alto to hold onto the entire Cubberley campus. It is a valuable city resource for so many people for so many things. Over the years our family has taken classes and attended concerts at Dance Visions and Zohar. I've taken art classes in one of the art studios, and my husband and son took martial arts classes in the old boys gym and the old band room. My daughter has softball games and practices on the fields. When my husband and I were dating back in the 90's we went ballroom dancing in the Cubberley Auditorium, and our daughter had rehearsals and performances in the Cubberley theater with Peninsula Youth Theater. I myself am a Cubberley graduate, class of 1978. To lose any part of this valuable resource the way it presently is would be a great loss to many people. If the use of Cubberley is to change, it needs to be turned back into a third high school again for our students. My daughter will be entering 8th grade this year, and even though she won't attend Cubberley like I did, please save Cubberley for future generations. It is a vital part of our city's history and should be preserved. Thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Lee
Minor, Beth

From: Virginia Bock [badbin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Council, City
Subject: Cubberley Community Center -- don't sell!

I am writing in support of allowing the current tenants to continue to occupy their spaces at the Cubberley Community Center, and not to sell the property to the Foothill-DeAnza group.

Palo Alto is just the kind of prosperous and forward-thinking community that can afford to host these artists and philanthropists, who enrich not only our community but neighboring cities as well. I hope the City decides not to oust the tenants from Cubberley and continues to invest in the arts and community service.

Sincerely,
Virginia Bock, a 15-year Cubberley Community Center patron