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DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF A RECREATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT
AND CHILDCARE CENTER
AT BELLEVUE RECREATION CENTER

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Question:

At the Board of Commissioners meeting, Assistant General Manager (AGM) Vicki Israel had requested that the turnover to the awarded contract be pushed until the end of the current tenant's school year. I don't see that outlined anywhere in these documents, but not sure if I'm just missing something. Can you confirm where that topic landed?

Answer:

The discussion at the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners meeting on July 13, 2016, between the Board and Assistant General Manager Vicki Israel, Revenue and Partnerships Branch, did not include a "request" from AGM Israel to the Board, and did not result in any Board instructions to Staff regarding the timing of transition to the new contract. During such discussion, AGM Israel merely conveyed to the Board that due to the time normally involved with processing an RFP from release to contract award and execution, the process is likely to be completed around the beginning of Summer 2017; which would essentially not interrupt the existing operator's school year.



2. Question:

The RFP, Section III (Page 3, first bullet) states, "Children currently enrolled under the existing facility's operation as of the date of the Board's award of the proposed contract, and their siblings, shall have the right of first refusal under the Selected Contractor's operation and price and terms for admittance to the Center through the proposed contract."

Will the new operator be required to accept children currently enrolled and their siblings regardless of their family income? Some programs have income limits and should it be made clear to the parents of children currently enrolled if their children will be excluded by the new operator due to those income limits?

Answer:

The question implies that there could be some enrollees that are receiving scholarships or fee subsidies based on family income criteria used by the current child care center operator. However, these enrollees might not continue to receive scholarships or fee subsidies if a new operator offers scholarship opportunities using a different criteria. Nevertheless, as stated by the RFP, all current enrollees and their siblings are to be given the right of first refusal, regardless of family income, to continue enrollment in the program operated by the operator selected through this RFP.