



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 2010
TO: Board of Directors
The Long Beach Housing Development Company
FROM: Ellie Tolentino, Vice President *Ellie Tolentino*
Prepared by: Dale L. Hutchinson, Housing Operations Officer
SUBJECT: Comprehensive Childcare Development, Inc.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve a revision to the Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions (CC&R's) between the LBHDC and Comprehensive Childcare Development, Inc. to add the California Department of Education Title V child development center standards as an alternative to compliance with the childcare center operator requirements; and,
2. Authorize the President or designee to execute the revised CC&R's.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, the LBHDC, the Redevelopment Agency, and The Olson Company entered into a Disposition and Development Agreement for the development of a mixed-use project, commonly known as Renaissance Walk, consisting of forty single-family residential units and a childcare center facility located in the 2000 and 2100 blocks of Atlantic Avenue.

In 2001, the LBHDC selected Comprehensive Child Development (CCD) as the childcare center provider and executed the CC&R's for the operation and maintenance of the childcare center facility (Center).

The Center consists of approximately 4,000 square feet of enclosed building or classrooms and administration, approximately 1,200 square feet for an infant/toddler play yard, and approximately 2,400 square feet for a preschool play area. It provides a developmental childcare program capable of accommodating up to 65 children from the Renaissance Walk homes and surrounding neighborhood, ranging in age from four months to twelve years.

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In accordance with the CC&R's, CCD is required to provide childcare services that conform to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation requirements, and is required to maintain NAEYC accreditation at all times. The NAEYC accreditation system has been in operation since 1985. The system reflects the collaboration of early childhood program administrators, teachers, parents, researchers, teacher educators, and policy makers from all 50 states and several foreign countries. The goal of the accreditation system is to improve the quality of care and education provided to young children in group programs. It believes that all children who participate in group programs must not only be safe and protected but must have the opportunity to experience an environment that enhances their development. NAEYC accreditation is required every three years at a cost of \$500.

In addition to the NAEYC accreditation, for the past 25 years, CCD has maintained annual compliance with the California Department of Education's Title V standards, which is required of all State-funded child development centers. Similar to the NAEYC accreditation, Title V has a set of standards for the operation of childcare development centers.

The CCD has requested that the LBHDC revise the CC&R's and provide them with the option to maintain either the NAEYC accreditation and/or meet the Title V standards. CCD claims that since the goals of both the NAEYC and the Department of Education are similar, maintaining the approval of both organizations is a duplication of efforts. Additionally, Title V standards are more stringent than NAEYC accreditation in some aspects and in recent years, maintaining NAEYC accreditation has become costly and burdensome.

Staff has reviewed CCD's request, as well as the childcare center standards of both the NAEYC accreditation and the Department of Education Title V. Staff concurs that maintaining either the NAEYC accreditation or Title V standards meets the stringent requirements for the operation of a childcare development center and are within the scope of the CC&R's.

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