

# 2014

## PRELIMINARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE DISPOSITION OF PMA NO. 156 PROPERTY AT 339 22<sup>ND</sup> AVE EAST



Department of Finance and Administrative Services City of Seattle September 2014

#### Preliminary Recommendation Report On Reuse and Disposal of the Property at 339 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave East PMA 156 September 17, 2014

#### Purpose of Preliminary Report

In response to a City of Seattle Jurisdictional Department identifying a property as "Excess" to their needs, the Real Estate Services (RES) section of the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) initiates a process to review and evaluate various options for the property. RES prepares a report titled Preliminary Recommendation Report on the Reuse and Disposal of Excess Property, which documents the Department's analysis and recommendations. This report is prepared in accordance with City of Seattle Council Resolution <u>29799</u>, as modified by Resolution <u>30862</u>.

#### **Executive Recommendation**

The property, under the jurisdiction of FAS, includes a residential house and adjacent single family residential building lot. The property is located at 339 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East. FAS recommends that the property be sold at fair market value through an open and competitive sales process. The proceeds from the sale are to be used to support Human Services programs.

#### **Background Information**

City purchased the property in 1971. The property served as a residential facility for teenage parents from 1988 to 2012 through Mutual Offsetting Benefit Leases with two non-profit organizations. Human Services Department terminated the relationship with the most recent operator of the facility in mid-2012. The property is now currently vacant. FAS had the property surveyed and requested a tax lot segregation.

#### **Reuse or Disposal Options Evaluation Guidelines**

City of Seattle Resolution 29799, Section 1, requires the Executive to make its recommendation for the reuse or disposal of any property that is not needed by a Department using the following guidelines.

#### Guideline A: Consistency

The analysis should consider the purpose for which the property was originally acquired, funding sources used to acquire the property, terms and conditions of original acquisition, the title or deed conveying the property, or any other contract or instrument by which the City is bound or to which the property is subject, and City, state or federal ordinances, statues and regulations.

*Purpose for which property was acquired:* The Seattle Model City Program purchased the property for a community juvenile treatment facility, as authorized by Ordinance 99632.

*Funding Sources:* The property was purchased with funds from the United States of America pursuant to the City's "Grant Agreement for a Comprehensive City Demonstration Program" contained in C.F. 264621. Ordinance 108527 provided for the deposit of certain assets of the Model City Fund into the Human Resources Operating Fund. Ordinance 115448 and departmental reorganizations changed the name to the Human Services Operation Fund. FAS

recommends that the net proceeds from the sale of the property are to be deposited in the Human Services Operating Fund.

*Deed or contractual restrictions:* An easement for sewer purpose was granted to the City of Seattle by instrument recorded under auditor's File # 2001332. An easement created by instrument recorded under Auditor's file #1573366 permits use of a water tap pipe or service connection for passage of water.

City, State or Federal Ordinance status and regulations including, Bond, grant or loan programs, State Accountancy Act, Payment of True and full value, Zoning and land use, Comprehensive Plan, and Other plans: State Law requires government organizations to receive fair market value for the disposal of surplus real property.

A sprinkler system was installed in 2009 with \$30,000 in grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The use of the funds requires that the facility be used for the benefit of low or moderate-income persons for a period of not less than five years. The five-year condition was not met due to the group home operator ceasing operations at this location in 2012. It will be repaid from the proceeds of the sale.

#### Guideline B: Compatibility and Suitability

The recommendation should reflect an assessment of the potential for use of the property in support of adopted Neighborhood Plans; as or in support of low-income housing and/or affordable housing; in support of economic development; for park or open space; in support of Sound Transit Link Light Rail station area development; as or in support of child care facilities; and in support of other priorities reflected in adopted City policies.

*Neighborhood Plan:* This property is a part of the East District Neighborhood Area, Capitol Hill Urban Center. This Neighborhood Plan does not include any specific recommendations for this property. The vacant lot has the potential of being developed with a single family house, which is consistent with the residential plans of the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Plan.

*Housing and Economic Development:* The single-family zoning limits the potential for increasing affordable housing and economic development on this site. The sale of the property to a private owner will return the property to the active tax roll. Development of the vacant lot will add additional economic development to the Capitol Hill area.

*Nearby City owned property:* The following properties are all within 1 mile of the subject property: Fire Station 34, Police Precinct East, Miller Triangle, Steven's Elementary, Seattle World School Middle School, and Garfield High School.

*Other City Uses*: An Excess Property Notice for this property was circulated to other City Departments to assess the interest for other City Departmental use of this property. FAS/RES received notifications from DoIT, SPU, DPD, & HSD indicating no interest in this property. No other agencies have expressed interest in acquiring the property.

#### Range of Options

The "Guiding principles for the Reuse and Disposal of Real Property" state, "it is the intent of the City to strategically utilize Real Property in order to further the City's goals and to avoid holding properties without an adopted municipal purpose." The options for disposition of this property include retention by the City for a public purpose, negotiated sale with a motivated purchaser, or sale by public bid or request for proposal.

*Transfer of Jurisdiction to other City Department:* No other City Department expressed a need to purchase the property for City use.

*Negotiated Sale*: The City of Seattle has not identified a group or individual in which a negotiated sale would provide benefit to the city.

*Sale through an open competitive process:* A sale through a public competitive bid process may allow the market to determine the optimum price for the property in its current size and configuration.

#### Guideline C: Other Factors

The recommendation should consider the highest and best use of the property, compatibility of the proposed use with the physical characteristics of the property and with surrounding uses, timing and term of the proposed use, appropriateness of the consideration to be received, unique attributes that make the property hard to replace, potential for consolidation with adjacent public property to accomplish future goals and objectives, conditions in the real estate market, and known environmental factors that may affect the value of the property.

*Highest and Best Use*: The Highest and Best Use are generally defined as the reasonably probable and legal use that produces the highest property value. The highest and best use is determined by evaluating potential uses as follows:

- *Physically possible:* The property includes two lots, one measuring 4,401 square feet with a 2,880 sq. ft. building. The second vacant residential lot has an area of 4,601 square feet.
- *Legally permissible*: The subject property is zoned single family 5,000 sq. ft., which will allow for one additional house to be built on the vacant parcel.
- *Financially feasible and maximally productive:* There is a high demand for housing in this neighborhood. It is financially feasible to adapt the building for reuse as a single family residence, and to build a new single family house on the vacant lot.

*Compatibility with the physical characteristics and surrounding uses*: New construction of residential use on the vacant parcel and remodeling of the existing house would be compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods in the Capitol Hill area.

*Appropriateness of the consideration:* Sale of the property at fair market value through a negotiated sale or competitive process will result in the City receiving fair market value of the property.

*Unique Attributes*: The property has a unique floor plan which would accommodate some type of community service home. Potential private buyers would need to update/remodel the property for residential use. There is a vacant lot adjacent to the south side of existing building.

*Potential for Consolidation with adjacent public property*: There are no public properties adjacent to the subject property in either direction.

*Conditions in the real estate market*: The real estate market in the City of Seattle remains fairly stable.

*Known environmental factors:* A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment has been conducted on the property. The report indicated no environmental concerns. After being reviewed by the Law department, there are no suggestions to have further environmental assessments or investigations conducted at this time. The City of Seattle will provide any potential buyers with a copy of the Phase I report.

#### Guideline D: Sale

The recommendation should evaluate the potential for selling the property to non-City public entities and to members of the general public.

*Potential for Use by Non-City Public Entities:* No specific ideas for use by non-City public entities have been identified.

*Potential for Use by the General Public:* Sale of the property for housing stock would provide a positive impact to the neighborhood. It would return the property to the tax rolls, providing additional tax revenues to the City. The property could also be used for some type of community service program to benefit the neighborhood as identified below.

**Public Involvement:** In accordance with Resolution Nos. 29799 and 30862, a notice concerning disposition or other use of this property was sent to all business, residents and property owners within a 1,000 foot radius of the subject property. A total of 388 notices were mailed. A total of 15 neighbors requested to be added to the mailing list to receive future information regarding the property. We also received 5 comments/suggestions for the property. One neighbor suggested converting to residential use, one neighbor suggested using the property for subsidized housing for teachers at the local schools, and three neighbors suggested a home for developmentally disable adults or transitional housing for homeless families. The party of record list is located in appendix D.

#### Threshold Determination

The Disposition Procedures require FAS assess the complexity of the issues on each excess property following the initial round of public involvement. The purpose of this analysis is to structure the extent of additional public input that should be obtained prior to forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.

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#### <u>Next Steps</u>

FAS will publish the final Preliminary Report on the RES website. A notice will be sent by RES to the Real Estate Oversight Committee (REOC), to all City Departments and Public Agencies, and to members of the public who have provided input as to where a copy of the report can be located. FAS will post a notice sign visible to the public along the street frontage abutting the property. FAS will consider comments regarding the Preliminary Report for 30 days after the notice has been distributed. Legislation authorizing sale of the property through a competitive process will then move forward, and a notice of City Council action will be sent prior to Council deliberation.

#### Appendix A

#### EXCESS PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Property at 339 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E.

The Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) as the Jurisdictional Department of this City owned property has identified the following information about this excess property.

**Property Name:** Property at 339 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E.

#### Property Management Number: (PMA): 156

**Property Location:** 339 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave E.

**Tax parcel I. D. Number:** 134430-0030

#### **Tax Parcel Legal Description:**

Parcel A: Lot 5, together with the east 10' of the south 20' of lot 10 Parcel B: Lot 6, together with the east 10' of lot 9

All in Block 1, Capitol Hill Heights Addition to the City of Seattle, according to the plat recorded in Volume 16 of Plats, Page 13, and Records of King County, WA

#### Departmental 2014 estimated value \$700,000

Size: Parcel A: 4,401 Parcel B: 4,601

Zoning: SF 5000

#### **History:**

The Capitol Hill Housing was operated as a home for teen mothers through a Mutual and Offsetting Benefit Lease. HSD terminated the relationship with the operator of the facility in mid-2012 and the property is currently vacant. The Capitol Hill Housing is a 2,880 square feet building located on an 8,997 square ft. parcel, zoned single family in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. The house is located at 339 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave East and was constructed in 1925 and acquired by the City in 1971. The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) has declared this property excess to the needs of the department. FAS's initial recommendation is that the property be sold, and the proceeds from the sale are to be used to support asset preservation of capital facilities that support Health and Human Services programs.

#### Acquisition Ordinances:

3/31/1971, Ordinance <u>99772</u>, AN ORDINANCE accepting deeds from Joan W. Opendack and others to a portion of Block 2, Hazelwood Addition Supplemental to the City of Seattle, and other properties for the Seattle Model Cities Program. (Atlantic Street Center)

Acquisition Fund Source: Model Cities Funds.

#### Jurisdictional Departments range of estimated of market value: \$600,000 - \$800,000

**Destination of funds upon sale:** The proceeds from the sale are to be used to support asset preservation of capital facilities that supports the Human Services programs.

**Current easements, covenants and restrictions:** Easement for sewer purposes granted to the City of Seattle by instrument recorded under Auditor's File No. 2001332; Easement created by the instrument recorded under Auditor's File No. 1573366 to use water tap pipe or service connection for passage of water.

**Recommended easements, covenants and restrictions upon Transfer**: None **Potential problems with property and possible measures to mitigate their recurrence:** None

### Appendix B

PROPERTY REVIEW PROCESS DETERMINATION FORM							
Property Name: Property at 339 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave East.							
Address:	339 22 <sup>nd</sup> Ave E.						
PMA ID:	PMA. 156 Subject Parcels Nos. 313						
Dept./Dept. ID:	FAS		Current Use:	Vacant			
Area (Sq. Ft.):	8,960		Zoning: SF 5000				
Est. Value:	\$ 600, 000 - 800,0	000	Assessed Value:	\$ 700,000	I		
PROPOSED USES AND RECOMMENDED USE:							
Department/Governmental Agencies: None Proposed Use: N/A							
Other Parties wishing to acquire: None Proposed Use: N/A							
FAS RECOMMENDED USE: Sell the property through a competitive process for fair market							
value.							
PROPERTY REVIEW PROCESS DETERMINATION (circle appropriate response)							
1.) Is more than one City Dept. /Public Agency wishing to acquire? (No) Yes						15	
2.) Are there any pending community proposals for Reuse/ Disposal? No Yes						15	
3.) Have citizens, community groups and/or other interested parties contacted No) Yes						15	
the City regarding any of the proposed options?							
4.) Will consideration be other than cash?						10	
5.) Is Sale or Trade to a private party being recommended?						25	
6.) Will the proposed use require changes in zoning/other regulations? (No Yes						20	
7.) Is the estimated Fair Market Value between \$250,000-\$1,000,000?No Yes						10	
8.) Is the estimated Fair Market Value over \$1,000,000? No/Yes						45	
Total Number of Points Awarded for "Yes" Responses:						35	
Property Classification for purposes of Disposal review. Simple Complex (circle one) (a							
score of 45+ points results in a "Complex" classification)							
Signature: Sabrin	Signature: Sabrina Buchanan Department: FAS Date: May 2014						



#### Appendix C

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#### Appendix D

#### Parties of Record

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