

RESOLUTION No. 36449 AS AMENDED

Allow Portland Hope Meadows to use the former Ball Elementary School site for the operation of an intergenerational community for adoptive families of foster children and seniors acting as foster grandparents (Resolution)

WHEREAS, in Oregon 16,027 children were in foster care in 2005, on a daily basis more than 10,000 children are in foster care in our state; and

WHEREAS, many foster children have experienced abuse, neglect or mistreatment and therefore present special challenges to foster parents, and require specialized services; and

WHEREAS, in our community a great need exists to provide stable, loving and permanent homes for foster children; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Portland, no housing exists specifically dedicated to promoting permanency, community and caring relationships for foster children; and

WHEREAS, a proven program exists; Generations of Hope/Hope Meadows provides adoptive families and foster families the support and information they need to be nurtured emotionally, intellectually, and financially so that they can raise healthy, happy and successful children; and

WHEREAS, the Generations of Hope/Hope Meadows model has a proved adoption rate of ninety percent (90%), and offers on-site specialized services for adoptive and foster families; and

WHEREAS, Generations of Hope has recently begun collaborative work with the Kellogg Foundation to develop and extend the model of intergenerational community as a new approach to addressing a variety of societal problems; and

WHEREAS, Generations of Hope is interested in working with Portland Hope Meadows to extend its proven model in Portland; and

WHEREAS, Generations of Hope also offers a place for seniors to feel they belong and can be productive in giving something back to the community, a place where seniors can feel needed. In exchange for acting as “honorary grandparents” seniors receive a rent stipend and the rewards of nurturing a new generation; and

WHEREAS, Portland Hope Meadows will have an Intergenerational Center, which will have multi-purpose space for community use;

| NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT **RESOLVED**, Portland Hope Meadows shall be allowed to use the former Ball Elementary School site, located at 4221 North Willis Boulevard, for the operation of an intergenerational community for adoptive families of foster children, and seniors acting as foster grandparents, utilizing the Generations of Hope/Hope Meadows model; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland Hope Meadows shall not be charged for the use of the former Ball Elementary School site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Portland Hope Meadows shall be responsible for all costs associated for the development, operation and maintenance of Portland Hope Meadows; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the library levy receives voter approval, Multnomah County has stated it will open a new branch library in North Portland. The City of Portland is committed to assisting Multnomah County in its efforts to open the new branch in the Portsmouth Neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City will execute agreements with Portland Hope Meadows for the use of the property, subject to Council approval and the approval of the City Attorneys Office, upon the following conditions:

- Portland Hope Meadows returns with a complete financial plan within one year, and full funding commitments within 2 years;
- Portland Hope Meadows demonstrates it has adequate resources to maintain program and associated services;
- If for any reason Portland Hope Meadows ceases to provide services, any interest Portland Hope Meadows has in the property shall immediately revert to the City.

Adopted by the Council: October 25, 2006

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland
By /s/Susan Parsons

Deputy

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
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October 18, 2006

BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 1415-2006

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION/COUNCIL DOCUMENT NO. 36449 AS AMENDED

COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
ADAMS		X
LEONARD		X
SALTZMAN	X	
STEN	X	
POTTER	X	