# City of Calistoga Staff Report

TO:

Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Susan Sneddon, City Clerk

DATE:

April 20, 2010

SUBJECT:

Consideration of a Resolution authorizing a one-year extension of the

lease with the Napa County Office of Education of City Land for the

continuing operation of the Calistoga Preschool

# APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

James C. McCann, City Manager

<u>ISSUE</u>: Consideration of a Resolution approving an extension of the lease of public land with the Napa County Office of Education, to permit the continuing operation of the Calistoga Preschool August 1, 2010 to August 1, 2011.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution.

BACKGROUND: The City Council authorized a lease of vacant city property (the Fair Way extension between Anna and Eddy Streets) in 2001, to the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) for the purposes of establishing a preschool facility to serve Calistoga's children. The NCOE had received a grant which allowed them to acquire a modular building for preschool purposes, but required that they find a suitable public site to establish the program. After much effort, this unused public property was identified as being suitable for a temporary location for the facility. The facility has provided tremendous service to Calistoga families and continues to be very important to the community.

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<u>DISCUSSION:</u> The lease initially had a five-year term with the ability for extensions. This term was established in anticipation of development in the area which might necessitate the need for improvement of this public land for parking and circulation purposes. Such development has not yet happened and a further extension of time for

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the continuation of the preschool is appropriate (a two year extension was granted in August of 2008).

It is anticipated that development in this area will occur in the next few years which will likely necessitate relocation of the preschool facility. There is no immediate demand for preschool vacating the property. It should be noted that the current General Plan calls for the right-of-way of Fair Way to be improved as a collector street through or along the former Gliderport property and extended down to connect with Washington Street. However, the recently adopted Urban Design Plan (UDP) suggests that the proposed Fair Way extension should be designed so as to facilitate specific development concepts of the Gliderport and Lower Washington Character Areas. As suggested, Fair Way extension should function more like a long linear parking lot than a roadway. The UDP further suggests that design should consist of parking pocket lots that would be connected by a drive aisle to allow motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians to pass through each pocket lot to access new development on the former Gliderport property and the Lower Washington neighborhood. Staff anticipates this concept to be put in place in conjunction with development of the former Gliderport property or independently by the City as funding becomes available.

Given this timeframe, staff recommends a one-year extension for this lease. In addition, staff recommends that NCOE commence efforts to find an alternative site for the Calistoga Preschool.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:** The terms of the lease require that the NCOE provide payment of at least \$1 per year. All costs of the operation are born by the NCOE.

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Draft Resolution
- 2. Letter of request from NCOE

### RESOLUTION 2010-\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY TO THE NAPA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR THE CALISTOGA PRESCHOOL FACILITY

### Authorizing Agreement No. \_\_\_\_

1 2 3 4	WHEREAS, In 2001, the City Council authorized a five year lease of unused City property to the Napa County Office of Education (NCOE) to permit the installation of a modular building to provide preschool services to Calistoga residents; and
5 6 7	<b>WHEREAS,</b> this lease had an initial term of five years $(2001 - 2006)$ with the ability for an extension of up to five years at the termination of the initial period; and
8 9	WHEREAS, in April 2008 the NCOE was granted a two year extension on this lease; and
10 11 12 13	WHEREAS, the Napa County Superintendent of Schools has requested that the lease be renewed for an additional year; and
14 15 16	WHEREAS, the NCOE has provided an outstanding service to many families in the Calistoga area through their preschool facility; and
17 18 19	WHEREAS, authorizing a one year extension of the lease will allow this tremendously valuable service which is beneficial to the community to continue; and
20 21 22	<b>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that the City Council of the City of Calistoga hereby authorizes a one year extension to the lease of City property to the Napa County Office of Education for the Calistoga preschool facility.
23 24 25 26	PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a regular meeting held this 20 <sup>th</sup> day of April 2010 following vote:
27 28	AYES:
29	NOES:
30	ABSTAIN/ABSENT:
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33 34	JACK GINGLES, Mayor
35 36 37	ATTEST:
38	SUSAN SNEDDON, City Clerk

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April 15, 2010

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Jim C. McCann, City Manager

City of Calistoga

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RE: Renewal of Lease for Childcare Facility Former Southern Pacific Right of Way

Dear Jim.

In October of 2000, the Planning Commission approved a use permit authorizing the Napa County Office of Education to construct a temporary preschool on the former Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Eddy and Earl Streets. The terms of the August 1, 2008 to August 1, 2010 Lease of Public Lands for the Calistoga Preschool call for the payment of two dollars per year in rent to the City of Calistoga.

After our original five year lease expired on August 1, 2006, we requested a five-year extension and were granted two years, in case the City needed the space for development. We feel fortunate that the land is still available to us, and request an extension of that lease for another two-year period, at the same terms.

We are very grateful that the City of Calistoga has always recognized the importance of providing preschool education and has been so gracious in working with us for the last nine years. We look forward to continuing our outstanding relationship.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call me at (707) 253-6823 or email me at bnemko@ncoe.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Barbara Nemko

Napa County Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Su Sneddon, City Clerk Rose LeClerc, Head Teacher Calistoga Preschool