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TO: Chair Bryson and Assembly Public Works & Facilities Committee
DATE: June 24, 2024
FROM: Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager
RE: Childcare Proposal in Marie Drake

At the June 3, 2024 PWFC committee meeting the committee discussed the prospect of ensuring some amount of space was made available for childcare at Marie Drake. This concept is in line with the Assembly Childcare Committee's recommendation: *The CBJ needs to identify what, if any, public facilities might be used to provide childcare*¹

AEYC's proposed use of Marie Drake includes childcare, the purpose of this memo is to provide more detail about AEYC's proposal.

AEYC seeks to utilize some of the classroom space in Marie Drake for offices and office-like uses. AEYC could cover some amount of the associated costs (utilities/janitorial) in their budget.

Separately, AEYC proposes to provide technical assistance (TA) to a childcare provider to start and run a 60-child, ages infant to school aged, center in the large commons area plus a number of classrooms on the first floor of Marie Drake. We currently partner with AEYC in a childcare apprenticeship program and in addition to TA, this new center would provide on-the-job training opportunities for our apprentices.

The Assembly can think of the AEYC office space proposal and childcare proposal as two separate proposals. They are not dependent on one another.

If we proceed with the childcare proposal, CBJ would enter into a lease with AEYC for the space and program. We would jointly issue an RFP to seek a provider. Given the nature of the childcare business model, CBJ would need to cover utilities and janitorial expenses for the provider. CBJ, BRH, and JSD employees could be given preference on available slots – this is a fairly standard practice when large employers (including government) provide subsidized or free space.

Recommendation:

Information only at this point in the process

¹ Assembly Childcare Committee Final Report. April 19, 2019. <https://juneau.org/assembly/assembly-childcare-committee>