

THE CITY, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION NORTHROP PROPOSED REUSE



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The City, Inc. is restating our proposed uses and providing supplemental information in response to questions generated June 22, 2006 at the public update meeting and formal requests from the Minneapolis Public Schools. In response, The City, Inc. provides the following supplemental and specific information.

Tenants: The African American Family Services (AAFS) and The City, Inc. are the only currently planned users. Any other tenants or sub lessees would require District approval.

Planned Uses: The presentation of June 22 covered all of the planned uses. For clarification, in addition to the school, the Day Treatment staff will be housed there providing a variety of counseling services to those students in the program. Two staff persons now serve 11 students. This will insure that Youth Skills, Youth Intervention and Oskibug Program staffs are available to provide "wraparound" services to any of our students who would benefit. Day Treatment students attend the school. Other program activities are generally carried out off site, as will AAFS's activities.

Schedule: Staff begins arriving after 7am and leaving at the end of the school day. Students begin to arrive around 8am. Staff feels the students walk or take the city bus. They have never seen students dropped off by car. Parking is more than adequate for staff. We are aware of no students who need parking.

Security: For the past 20 years or so 2 security personnel have been sufficient to our needs and the apparent needs of our neighbors. We pride ourselves on our responsiveness to our community's needs. We are open to facilitating any use of our building and grounds that would be of help to our neighbors.

Physical Modifications: Other than the possible subdivision of those rather large classrooms, no physical modifications are being considered. Our technology person is anxious to look at the network wiring schematics.

The City School: The City School is an alternative junior and senior high school. The school finished the year with approx. 80 students. The School staff count at Northrop is currently: 1 Principal, 1 Administrative Assistant, 2 Security, 1 Receptionist, 8 Faculty and sometimes the District's Special Ed person. Total: 14. Our contract allows us to serve as many as 230 students total (our 2 sites). The contract does not mention a maximum number for each site. Last year enrollment south hovered around 80.

We never know who or how many will be referred to us or when. The school day pretty much mirrors District hours. Students tend to clear out as soon as they can. There have been years we held a summer session. It ended at lunchtime. We are not holding one this year.

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The school classrooms will be on the 2nd floor, with the exception of the lunchroom and gym. This building has successfully served as many as 500 students and assorted staff and their offices. With a potential 110 occupants there should be no code issues. Our staff & AAFS should not need more than 20 parking spaces.

Other Programs: Services proposed include following:

- **Day Treatment:** The program provides treatment alternatives to out of home placement for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. There are two Day Treatment staff persons who will all be housed at the Northrop site. Students currently enrolled in the Program number 11. The number of students fluctuates as they complete court ordered requirements and come off of probation. They are enrolled in the school during the attendance and generally after their probation ends.
- **Youth Intervention Program (YIP)** provides advocacy, education and counseling to youth and families experiencing personal and familial crisis. These staffs will be available to provide 'wraparound' services to any of our students who would benefit.

Youth Skills, Oshkibug and YIP total 3 staff. The State and County contract for those programs. Oshkibug participants are drawn from our school population. A class is offered at our school. Other activities occur at Mille Lacs, Pipestone, MN and NW Wisconsin. The county and District schools refer the other clients. For the past year one of our Youth Skills staff had an office provided for her at South High School. They counsel teens and families in crisis; off site, mostly around truancy issues. YIP advocates in the courts for first time, low-level offenders, mostly around truancy offenses.

- **Pride in the City** provides employment training, counseling and job placement services in construction trades. Other program activities are generally carried out off site, as will AAFS's activities. Pride in the City does not have full-time dedicated staff. One day a week, during a part of the year, a set of students will travel to Habitat for Humanity sites with a current staff member and a journeyman carpenter and build or rehab houses. On inclement days, building trade class instruction will occur on our site. AAFS plans to house staff who are counseling District students at District schools around mental health and drug use issues.
- **After School and Summer Enrichment Programs:** Our After School Program operates only at our north site.
- **The Family Program:** Provides counseling and support to young people and families in crisis but is not defined as a program specifically to be housed at Northrop. The Family Program operates from our north site.

The City, Inc. prides itself on our responsiveness to our community's needs. We are open to facilitating any use of our building and grounds that would be of help to our neighbors. We are committed to doing whatever is necessary to maintain order in and around all of our properties. For the past 20 years or so 2 security personnel have been sufficient to our needs and the apparent needs of our neighbors.

The City, Inc. has always been a valued member of our community. Community access to the grounds will be as it is now. Visitors with business in the building are welcome. Community use of the building during off hours is possible for certain uses with prior approval.

Up to now, our focus has been on obtaining a significant upgrade to our current facility. We look forward to having windows in all our classrooms, a gym, a stage and cooking facilities. We have not begun to plan our occupancy. Nor, have we imagined all of the possibilities.

Supplemental financial information has been provided to the District.

I can speak authoritatively on what we have done and how we've done things where we are but, students, staff and the community may have other, excellent ideas. Some things that worked before, may not, in this facility. Things we didn't dream of there, may now be within the realm of possibility.

If you need further information, please let me know.

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