

Mountain View City Council and staff have been reviewing the issue of child care needs and access since 1997. At this time the Mountain View Los Altos Child Care Task Force CCTF was created. The CCTF which included a Council and staff representative presented a child care needs assessment to Council in 1999. The CCTF subsequently produced a child care center feasibility study which led to a Council study sessions on child care in 2001. In 2002 Council directed staff to develop a child care center implementation plan. As a result the consulting firm International Child Resource Institute ICRI was engaged in 2003 to conduct a funding search and developer operator RFP Request for Proposals process to construct and operate a child care center at a site adjacent to the Community Center.

The funding search led to a series of discussions with funders in the early childhood development field including the David and Lucile Packard Foundation Packard Foundation. Simultaneous to that discussion the developer operator RFP process resulted in five applications which were narrowed to three based on qualifications. Of those three applicants Children s Creative Learning Centers (CCLC) had the strongest financial proposal and relevant operating experience.

At the December 7 2004 City Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution authorizing staff to pursue a 2.8 million Program Related Investment PRI from the Packard Foundation for construction of a child care center and authorized the City Manager to negotiate a letter of Intent with CCLC as operator of the center. On March 14 2005 the City was notified that the Packard Foundation Board approved the City s application.

The child care center building is a City owned building, leased to the operator. On April 7 2005 staff met with the CEO of CCLC to begin preliminary negotiations for operation of the center. At that time CCLCs CEO made a verbal commitment to an eight year lease. On December 7, 2007 CCLC entered into an eight year lease agreement as the operator of the child care center with the City of Mountain View.

Over the winter of 2007- 2008 construction began on the 7,200 square foot facility. The operator is scheduled to begin program operations for 104 full time children ages six weeks to five years of age on September 8, 2008. The City of Mountain View City Council is dedicating this facility and the art gate at a public ceremony on August 28, 2008.