



Information

Item IV. B.

Regular Meeting 05/10/01

TO: Juvenile Welfare Board Members

FROM: James E. Mills, Executive Director 
Lisa A. Sahulka, Director, Programs & Finance 

ASIAN NFC UPDATE

Staff indicated at the April meeting that there was doubt regarding the long-term viability of co-locating the JWB Asian Neighborhood Family Center (NFC) at the Asian Family and Community Empowerment Center, Inc. (FACE). Over the last several months the situation has deteriorated making the seamless delivery of human services extremely challenging. Specifically, the current administration at Asian Face, Inc. has required a complete separation of the programs and has hindered or barred access to needed shared resources. In addition, they have requested a revision to the original Memorandum of Agreement, which would require direct payment of rent and occupancy cost to Asian Face, Inc. JWB has taken the position that there should be no direct reimbursement to the current administration, making this requirement untenable.

Over the past several weeks, JWB, in collaboration with Asian NFC staff, the City of St. Petersburg, the Pinellas County License Board and Gulf Coast Community Care (GCCC) administrators began the process of identifying alternative sites for the NFC. Staff analysis of 2000 Census data indicates that approximately fifty percent (50%) of the Asian population resides in an area bounded by Central Avenue on the south and Ulmerton Road on the north. The eastern boundary of this area is 4th Street and the western boundary is 66th Street. This area is depicted in Attachment I. There is also a significant population throughout mid and north county. Staff worked to identify a site that would be more centrally located for countywide services, which is consistent with the NFC's original methodology.

After evaluating a number of sites, staff identified Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 1801 62nd Avenue North in St. Petersburg. The facility is ideal, since it offers several classroom areas (previously licensed by PCLB for pre-school) as well as space for case management/after school programming and space for future service expansion.

The opportunity to co-locate the NFC and the Gulf Coast Community Family Strengthening and Integration Project (CFSI) funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), as well as the Southeast Asian Pre-school would help ensure the seamless delivery of services. Additionally, space is available that would allow for the expansion of services to the community through the development of a senior congregate meal program.

JWB currently funds the United Methodist Southeast Asian Pre-school (UMSEAP) located at 5995-9th Street South in the amount of \$51,041 to assist refugee children and their families in successful acculturation while providing a developmentally appropriate school readiness program. The United Methodist Cooperative Ministries is seeking funding to move the program to a more central facility, located at 1801 62nd Avenue North, which would allow the program to increase the number of children served from 26 to 38 while extending services from part-time to full-time to accommodate the needs of working parents. Additionally, the program receives funding from the GCCC contract with ORR to explore expansion of pre-school services to the refugee community for the purpose of acculturation.

Additionally, JWB has initiated discussions with Neighborly Senior Services to encourage the development of an Asian Congregate Meal program at this new site. The co-location of these programs would provide the opportunity for the delivery of intergenerational human services. The Asian Neighborhood Family Center would continue to deliver family support services, English as a Second Language (ESOL), citizenship classes, tutorial, homework assistance and after school programming.

The Bethel congregation has been very accommodating throughout this process. The congregation has been willing to negotiate a reasonable price per square foot for use of the facility. Additionally, the congregation is able to accommodate the timeframe required for the relocation of the Asian Neighborhood Family Center. It should also be noted that GCCC has been an outstanding community partner throughout this process.

Staff is currently working with GCCC and UM to complete budgets for the cost of relocating these programs as well as ongoing expenses, such as rent. There will definitely be both one-time-only and annualized costs associated with this relocation. Staff has approached the United Way with a request to match a portion of JWB's contribution.

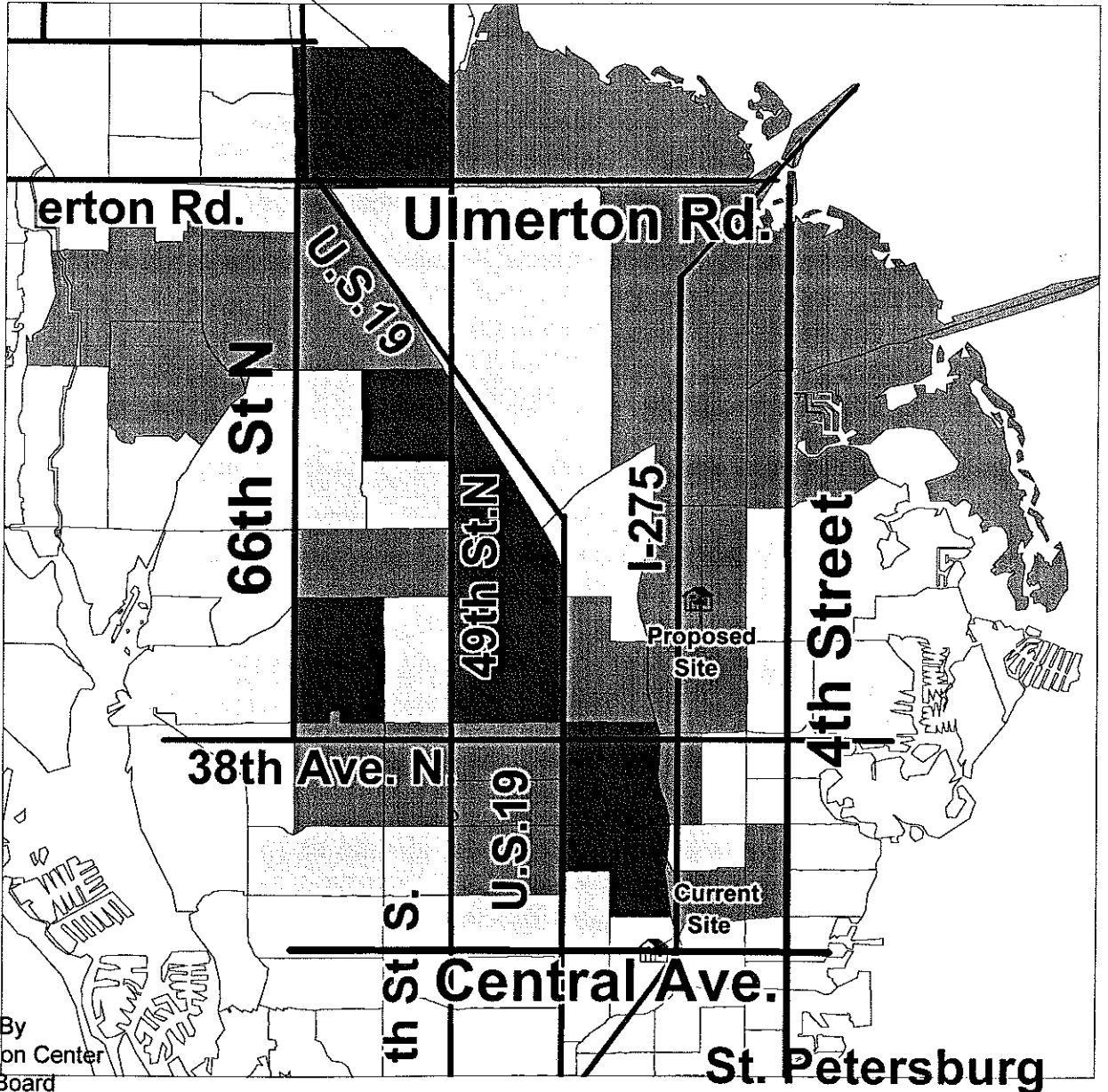
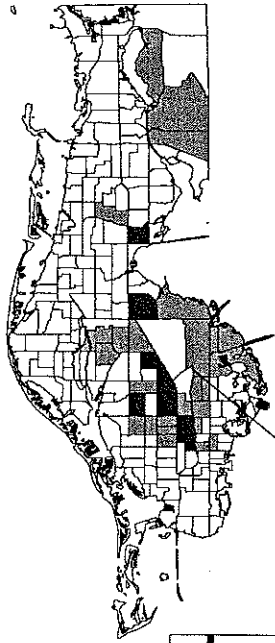
Staff will prepare a recommendation for the Board in June regarding funding for this project. Pending Board approval for additional resources, staff is projecting the Asian Family Center relocation will occur in June and the pre-school move in August.

Staff Resource: Trenia Cox

2000 Asian Population in Pinellas County By Census Tract

	285 to 380	(9)
	190 to 284	(25)
	95 to 189	(36)
	0 to 94	(138)

Note: Numbers in parentheses indicate the number of Census Tracts in Pinellas County that fall within each range.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Mr. Bun Hap Prak

MEMORANDUM

TO: James Mills, JWB Executive Director

FR: ^{T-S} Thomas Souk, AFACE President

DA: April 24, 2001

RE: JWB Computers

Responding to the letter from your attorney, please let me assure you that the JWB computers are in the possession of the staff of the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services. The computers were all gathered together to be catalogued by AFACE so that the appropriate ones could be removed from the AFACE inventory. At no time during the process were these computers off limits to the GCJFS staff.

On Thursday, April 19th, GCJFS staff came and took the assigned computers from the central location to their selected desks and assumed full responsibility for their maintenance and safe-keeping. This was done before members of the Board of AFACE checked these and acknowledged that these were the correct computers and gave staff permission to remove them from AFACE inventory.

The following computers and printers are no longer a part of AFACE inventory.

Computer Serial #	Monitor Serial #	Printer Serial #
US94706193	918EBCC2001419	SUSGV013311
US94706222	912EBCD2000306	SUSGV013313
US94706247	918EBCC2001960	SMX94T1T04H
US94706211	912EBC02000804	SMX94T1T04V
US94706218	918EBCC2001438	

The above computers received 4/19/01 by GCJFS.

I trust that this documentation addresses your concern

c.c. Miriam Williams, GCJFS
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Members of AFACE Board