

Timeline on Process for Child Care Site Selection:

- **1/31/23: Joint Work Session with Council and School Board to Discussion Early Childhood Community Needs**
 - Included 0 to 3 with Families Alliance, ECE Needs Assessment Presentation by the Stellar Group & Kindergarten Readiness presentation from the VCS
 - Task Force Creation was Discussed
- **2/21/2023: Resolution 23-07 was passed by Council to Establish the Child Care Crisis Task Force.**
 - Part of the work of the Child Care Crisis Task Force (CCCTF) was to identify potential buildings that could be renovated for use as a child care facility.
- **5/11/2023: CCCTF Meeting Focused on Initial Discussions Related to Facility.**
 - Agenda included “Identifying Initial List of Facilities for Consideration” and “Establishing Criteria for Facility Assessment Rubric” - HHES was among sites suggested
 - Potential facilities were brainstormed and options informally reviews in 2017 discussed.
 - Subcommittee process was suggested.
- **6/22/2023: CCCTF Meeting Reviewing Facilities Rubric and Discussing Subcommittee Process.**
 - CCCTF reviewed the facilities rubric created by Interim City Manager/ Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval with CCCTF input
 - CCCTF discussed subcommittee process
- **7/6/23: CCCTF Meeting on Subcommittee Process and INNOVATION Grant**
 - Members provided input as to on task for each subcommittee best way to move forward with subcommittee work.
 - The CCCTF Facilities Subcommittee was composed of Susan Love (0-3 with Families Alliance Representative), Tim Bauer (Valdez City School Representative) and Tim Mason (USCG Representative)
 - Assistance for the subcommittee work was provided by Nate Duval
- **7/20/23: CCCTF Meeting on Facilities Subcommittee and Workforce Subcommittee Updates**
 - Facilities Subcommittee presented their initial work on assessment of options
 - Top 8 were: 1) HHES, 2) COV Rec Center, 3) PWSC, 4) Royal Center, 5) Civic Center, 6) New Construction at Hospital, 7) Library Basement & 8) Halibut House
 - Note: Armory was removed from list only because of state ownership and uncertainty on ability to acquire
- **8/3/23: CCCTF Meeting on CCCTF Meeting on Facilities Subcommittee and Workforce Subcommittee**
 - Task force discussed the initial findings of the Subcommittee
 - SWOT Analysis included in final report was
- **10/5/23: CCCTF Final Report Planning with the Stellar Group**
 - Includes Short, Mid and Log Term Goals for facilities
 - Appendices include full scoring rubric and SWOT analysis

- **12/18/24: CCCTF Discussion of Member Comments on Final Report**
- **1/23/24: Council Work Session on CCCTF Final Report**
 - CCCTF Chair Susan Love provided City Council with an overview of the task force's final recommendations.
 - Final Report was made public and shared with stakeholders
- **2/20/24: Council Work Session Child Care Next Steps**
 - Council identified contracting with an architect on facility assessment as a logical first step since a portion of the INNOVATION grant funding was available for the work and since identifying a facility location would help inform other aspects of the planning process.
- **April 2024: COV solicited and received RFQs for Architects Service**
 - COV received 6 responses and CCCTF Subcommittee was included in RFQ review and selection process.
 - Bettisworth North Architects and Planners, Inc. was selected to conduct the analysis based on their extensive experience with designing child care facilities.
- **5/15/24, 5/16/24 & 5/17/24: Bettisworth North Architects Site Visit**
 - David Popiel and Heather Kapala visited Valdez in May of 2024 to conduct site visits, which included visits with stakeholders and VCS administration.
- **May- September 2024: Report Process**
 - The architects worked with their subcontractors and the city staff (Project Manager/ Capital Facilities Director Nate Duval and Deputy City Clerk/ Former CCCTF Staff Liaison Elise Sorum-Birk) to complete their feasibility analysis
- **9/3/24: Their final report was presented to City Council**
 - Overall recommendation was to move forward with the Hermon Hutchen's site. The VCS Interim Superintendent/ Elementary School Principal was present at the work session and spoke in favor of the proposal. Council members were in consensus to move forward with the site.
- **9/17/24: Site selection on the City Council agenda for action**
 - **Members of the School Board requested that the decision be postponed so that they could be brought up to date and actively included in the discussion. Council pushed the item to their next regular meeting (tonight) due to this request.**
- **9/23/24: School Board Work Session**
- **10/1/24: Joint Work Session with City Council & School Board**