

Proposed health clinic property could be for sale



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The Florida State University College of Medicine once hoped the grass lot across from the Renaissance Center would be a multimillion-dollar primary health clinic.

Now the nearly 1-acre lot likely will be sold, after a trio of interested parties inquired about the property. On Wednesday, the Tallahassee City Commission will consider selling the land through a competitive

bidding process.

The city said a local real estate broker asked the city's Real Estate Management division to consider selling the land, which borders Macomb Street between West Carolina and West Virginia streets. Assistant City Manager Wayne Tedder said three different people called the city about the land. The identities of the callers, he said, aren't public records.

City real estate manager Judy Donahoe said the city hasn't come up with an asking price or completed an appraisal yet. The city also hasn't placed any restrictions on the bid request.

The city slowly acquired the lot between 1982 and 2000. On Thursday, the city wasn't able to identify the land's last government use but did say it had served as retail and parking over the years.

Earlier this year, the plot was the prospective site of a health clinic, which FSU and city officials thought would provide much-needed basic care options to Frenchtown residents. But the deal fell apart after some in the local medical community said the facility would compete with Neighborhood Medical Center.

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