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1. Sara Raab McInerny
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7. Re: Discussion Item: Update of Council Goal No. 5, Action Step No. 7: Begin a Process of Developing Partnerships with North King County Cities and Other Key Stakeholders in Support of Siting a 24/7 Shelter/Navigation Center to Serve Homeless Single Adults in North King County

Dear City Council,

Thank you for considering the opening of an emergency shelter in Shoreline and considering citizen input in your deliberations about the zoning change required to permit the project moving forward. While it's clear that a unique opportunity has presented itself with a very short timeline, there are questions that if answered fully could help the public understand the potential impacts of the project.

1) Explain how the Shelter will Operate: Please explain in detail how the 24/7 Shelter/Navigation Center will be run and operated by the project partners. Will it be staffed 24/7 or volunteer-led? Which government or non-profit agency will be the lead? Do they have experience running a similar facility and the resources to run this one? How does this facility work in concert with other agency facilities? For example, if Lake City Partners is the lead agency, they appear to be a small start-up non-profit with limited resources. It is not clear how many staff they may have, nor what kind of track record they have operating a similar facility. In addition, Lake City Partners day shelter location is in Lake City, and all the congregation partners listed on their website are all located in Northeast Seattle or East Shoreline. How will this West side location be used relative to their existing network of locations and partners?

2) Explain All the Costs: Please explain fully what the obligation the City has to contribute more to the shelter's operating costs. It seems impossible that the shelter can be operated on the \$26k a year that the City is current contributing to the non-profit partner. Also, please clarify whether transfer of the property to a government or non-profit entity will render this parcel to be exempt from paying property taxes. If so, this is also an indirect cost to the City. Finally, how will the conversion of this residentially zoned property to a homeless shelter impact the development potential of surrounding properties, including Shoreline Place?

3) Share Examples of Successful Projects: When people think of a 24 hr homeless shelter, they do not picture a success story in their mind. Please share with the public successful examples of similar facilities, serving the same demographic with temporary emergency housing, operated by project partners with similar experience. During the Aug 10th, 2020 City Council meeting, there were several references by Councilmembers to specific low-income and affordable housing projects in Shoreline as examples of similar projects that have been welcomed by the community. Each of those projects serve different populations with different social supports and are run by different project partners with significantly higher resource levels. None appear to be an accurate example of what this specific project proposal will be.

Even though the timing to link an available property with a grant opportunity for its purchase is time sensitive, the public deserves to understand the proposal fully before key decisions are made by the City. If the timing is too tight to fully vet the project with the community, perhaps it's not the right opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.
Sincerely, Sara Raab McInerny

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