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6. Enhanced shelter

7. Hello City Council,

I have provided multiple written and verbal sources of feedback regarding the proposed enhanced shelter plan, specifically, the intended location at the former Oaks Nursing Home facility. I am supplying the below information in reference to the 10/12 meeting for discussion on the shelter initiative.

While I am in full support of finding ways to assist homeless and/or under-housed individuals, I do not feel like the location under consideration is the right fit for many significant reasons, many of which are outlined in detail below.

-Transparency:

a) In the 36 page document that was posted on 10/5 in regard to such questions and concerns from the 9/22 meeting about the enhanced shelter, multiple important questions were excluded from the document, and I did not see a summary of concerns listed in the document (vs. questions). While it makes sense to group questions and/or concerns by theme, the statement on the document reflecting responses to questions indicating that all questions were covered was not accurate.

b) The visual that was provided in the 9/22 meeting about the proposed location of the enhanced shelter did not include the residences that are behind the facility, as well as show that there are child-oriented sites (e.g. daycare, sports coaching center, and a park) in very close proximity to the site in question.

-Safety:

a) While the enhanced shelter residents are bound by a code of conduct, there do not seem to be effective measures in place to ensure the safety of members from local households/residences and/or nearby businesses.

b) The indication that there will not be additional police and/or emergency personnel FTEs is not reassuring, given the increased potential for illegal activity in the areas surrounding the shelter. Given, the level of activity will inherently vary based upon the level of capacity that the shelter is at, at any particular time, but it stands to reason that shelter residents may have multiple, complex needs that may warrant medical attention and that there may be a community impact, as a result. There have been professionals from this type of field that have weighed in on this in City Council meetings and provided specific numbers that could readily be generalizable to the shelter plan, as it stands now.

c) Having a strong security camera system does not preclude potential illegal activity. It can document what has happened, but will not stop adverse events from occurring.

-Communication and public input:

a) Although there have been additional recent efforts to notify Shoreline residents about the proposed enhanced shelter plan, the absence of comprehensive information is continually noteworthy. For example, in the recent "Currents" bulletin, there was information that mirrors what is in place on the City website about the shelter, however, the information does not show visuals about where the site is at or provide other context about the possible impact to surrounding neighbors.

b) The timeline for the shelter site selection process is inherently limited, thus reducing the time for the public to be involved and have a chance to provide input about the shelter project.

c) Although it has been stated that the City will not be planning for citizens to have a public vote on this project, given it has been described as a matter of public policy, I would encourage the City Council to consider a different approach by which to fully gather public input, as the City Council was elected by Shoreline and serves to represent its residents. At the very least, it will be important for the City to at least find a way to poll citizens to get a sense of the public's perspective on this project. In attending multiple meetings on this initiative and in reviewing the comments and questions from the 9/22 meeting, it seems that a very small percentage of residents is interested in placing the shelter in the discussed location.

I appreciate that there are multiple views on how to approach this project, and I would greatly value responses on all of the above areas of focus during the 10/12 meeting, as those are significant to me, and many other residents.

Thank you.

8. Not answered

Thank you,
City of Shoreline

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