

10/7/15 Messners

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Major goal is to have a one stop shop. For example:

- Showers
- Laundry
- Employment connections
- Haircuts

Ability to access things easily so can do what is necessary and still be able to care for children and go to/look for job.

Following are expected County meetings to consider authorizing purchase of site:

10/14 Homeless issues committee

10/20 Health & Human Needs

10/20 Public Works & Implementation

10/26 Personnel & Finance

11/5 County Board

RFP for Operator...will be done before the application for the Conditional Use.

Questions...lots of them but until we have an Operator many cannot be answered.

Can tell what did in the past and best practices. Have sent out information on the TLNA Listserve related to this.

Patty Prime asked for show of hands:

Preponderance of attendees in TLNA. Equal attendance by those on each side of Baldwin. Some businesses represented.

Comments:

- Person who live by Ellas -- put in Central WI Center...away from neighborhoods. Limit problems.
- Paul Abrahamson--Morrison St -- Disagree with previous speaker. Experience at Wilmar Center...Wilmar is the only building between Wilmar and downtown where someone who is homeless can use john... Also day care at Wilmar...works fine. #of time incidents with those using food pantry and john....in 40 years counted on 2 hands. Recently none. Support the location.
- Joe Hoey--Live across E. Mifflin from proposed shelter. Tug of war between hopes for a shelter and other peoples' fears. County executive says that this purchase is the first step. Should have come way down the line. Reality...back when he was running he said...we would keep fighting for working families. Would do things the Dane County way not the State way... transparent,

working with people. Study for food hub, study for jail...these things had complete studies...made recommendations. Listening sessions for transit. Unfortunately....that is not the way it has been in this case. Public market....siting...open. Follow Dane County way...need to identify exactly the need as well as options and study things being done in other cities.

- Brian lives off S Park St. Used to live in this NH. Have spent a lot of time with homeless people. Asked who for/who against (25%/25%) and who need more info (50%). Many people are working homeless. People with children...with babies.
- 1314 E. Wash...location important. Crack house down the street. What about putting it in the JDS building....or Milwaukee and E. Wash. Not next to a NH. Needs to be more centralized. Next to GEF I or II. Wants to help people...but questions having here with school within blocks. Have a 5 year old that goes to Lapham.
- Joe Davis...Sidney St. 45 years...3 issues.
  - Some need services
  - Some are predators, drug abusers
  - ????Joe Parisi wants to run for governor...but not as a Madison liberal
- Gay – owns rental properties. Member of TLNA for many years. Grew up poor...never homeless...luck. Eager to hear all the sides. Known TLNA has more services than most...disperse. Fact that no place to go at night is a big deal.
- Rachel Holloway...E. Dayton...want to learn more. Concerned with what works. Support the center here...may be better locations. Do not know what is viable. Issues around homeless are known. Many meetings have been done...even though this came as a surprise to many of us. Good to have on E. Wash due to transit. If have on the outskirts...more costly. Does not think safety will be an issue...with center here or not here. Some people have said there would be more assaults....don't believe there would be more with than without. For conditional use....require space on site for people to queue.
- Alice...E Dayton....26 years in TLN....firmly in favor. It would take decades to come up with something better. Trying to find perfect should not get in the way of going forward.
- Steve...E. Mifflin...live across street from Salvation Army...does not argue the importance. But why was this just thrown at us...not right. Not a good process. Face daily many issues with Salvation Army...fire, EMS, ambulance 3x/week all year. Profanity, children screaming, drug needles on sidewalk. This is what you will face. Loud music blasting at all hours of the night. Someone rented out parking spaces in Salvation Army lot...made a lot of money. Parking lot supervised at all...person got away with the rental of spaces in their lot. This site is prime real estate...does not want it taken off the tax rolls. Have a spot by Alliant Center. Do not put it close to Salvation Army, St. Johns, YWCA....will become/is becoming homeless Ave.
- Tim Olson 1300 block E. Johnson - on TLNA board for 20 years. Founding member of Friends of Yahara River Parkway. Overnight host for the Road Home. If you go to City County

bldg....cannot see this from there. Can't see from most of Dane County. Most homeless are children. Don't criminalize the homeless...find a pathway to homes. Listed developments and Breese Stevens. Can do good things here...believe in Housing First. This is not an answer.

- Harry Richardson...Sherman Terrace. Thinks this is a good idea. Listen to concerns. Ultimately a good site even if not ideal. Work on campus. Sad state of affairs ...demonstrated need for a day shelter. Swallow hard...consider the problems...but go for this. Most people are two or three pay checks away from being homeless. When mental health centers were closed in the 60s....were supposed to be replaced by community support. State and feds have not done what they should. Now county must step up.
- Bob Klebba county officials did not handle this well. Joe P not here at this meeting. If one looks at social media....he sees TL neighborhood called Nimby. He takes offense at that. 150 people using the site. 10% of those people will be problems. Look at 827 E. Wash. Ran for 4 months. Exceptionally well run. However...over 90 police calls at that site....minor to serious. In his research he could only get those police calls associated with that address. Didn't include his call of day shelter people going through his back yard. Don't know how many more calls were due to the shelter. If a problem person what happened...out of the shelter, in the parking lot...then Burr Jones and Yahara River parkway. Not NIMBY...inviting a lot of problems into neighborhood.
- Maribeth Collins....E. Mifflin 9 years in NH. Raised kids here. Trained as atty. ED of nonprofit served homeless kids...and another one with adults homeless. No aversion. Worked in Capitol when that was an informal day shelter. Now as atty...nonprofit and small business stuff. Have worked on Community engagement. Need effective solution to this problem. Needs to include homeless people and neighbors...that has not been a part of the process to date. Do people who will receive these services think this is a good place? If don't have a good process....it won't work and we will be back here in 15 years.
- Craig Spaulding. E. Gorham near Patterson. This proposal was just plopped down here. He has respect for Zellers, Rummel, Wegleitner....suspicious of Parisi....is this the best location? Accepted offer. Millions being spent....not a good location. Struggle for a lot of homeless people to get to. Needs to be more central. Where did this come from and why? Strongly opposed.
- Janet Parker...Emerson. Daughter goes to Tenney Nursery. Supports this location....very needed. Do not share concerns of other board members....although location close to Tenney Nursery. Interaction unlikely...wall and kids get picked up. Great location. Worked on OM Build....lots of concerns and alarm from neighbors. Many meetings and conversation. Only one thing in common...homeless people....very different otherwise...smashing success. Alder Palm said: when people think about something that is being proposed for their NH...if people who are poor or homeless is the reason a project/development not wanted then that is bias...prejudging people based on who they are. If act based on what someone might do because of the class of person...bias. Can't do that.

- Richard Freihoeffler...He lives on E. Dayton and is surrounded by 5 shelters right now. This neighborhood can't keep giving. Concerned about location....kids walk under bridge by themselves. Last day shelter....people under bridge bothering kids. He lived by that day shelter...called 911 3x/week. Liquor store had to change hours. Not something we want to bring into neighborhood. County promised Rainbow project there wouldn't be police calls or sirens...there were police calls and sirens. Hope can find a different location. Turn out 100 people at night to wander the NH doesn't make sense.
- Ech Vedder...used to live right up hill. Son attends Tenney Nursery. Will this solve our problems? We need housing. BUT are not going to get there quickly. We need this kind of facility and we must act now. Now is the time. Is this perfect....close to many night shelters. Long overdue. We can make this work.
- Jill Sheppleman??? Lives on Sherman – concerned about proximity to Nursery: letter that was sent to Heidi and Ledell. Legitimate concerns...must be smart about this. If this goes through will not enroll their child. 1979 nursery started. Questions impact on business model. More comfortable with it being located near a high school.
- Bob...manger and chef at Baldwin St Grill...and peer support specialist at Safe Haven. Not saying for or against. Facilities we have now....funding cut to many facilities. Thinks money should be spent on housing not day shelters. The traumas must be addressed...alcoholism, drug abuse.
- Michael Ryanjoy...Nursery board....parent run coop. Board and parent members....spent last week gathering info re day shelters. Many concerns among board members. County has not been able to provide info on a similar facility and issues and successes. Want to know about disruptive incidents. Given the known problems...cannot support. Should county supervisors decide to go through....will work with board. Tenney Board will be involved.
- Jeff Spitzer Resnick...lived in NH 30 years...kids went to Tenney nursery, Lapham, East... This is a welcoming neighborhood. Know a lot of people here. We should be a model for this city. Welcome people that need help. Surprised and disappointed...no one has said this building looks like crap. Don Miller day shelter not county run. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Know this service is necessary. Large parking lot here. (Someone said owned by Mullins) Dig into what is going to look like...ingress and egress. We can do this. Is there a better place...maybe...cannot wait...needed now.
- Rachel...E. Mifflin...word neighbor recorded several times....some in support and some not.
- Matt Kruger...lives near...heart goes out to homeless...way this has unfolded....find out by press release...train wreck. Appreciate that the property came up and they moved quickly. Not against....can't respond to something in the abstract. Maybe concerns will be taken care of. Maybe a way to do this right. Maybe if County put a pause on this....get conditions put in place then could support. Tough situation. Wish it would have unfolded differently. Try to make it best situation possible.

- Ed K Sidney St. Appreciate Jeff SR brought up what design can bring to this spot. This meeting reminiscent of the first meetings of OM. Couldn't let people know until had an accepted offer. OM recorded info and put up on their website. Five NH meetings. Answered all questions. Take with a grain of salt some of the more defamatory statements. Set out facts as we know them prior to next meetings. Police calls don't necessarily mean lots of crime...means engaged and aware citizens. This is a site the County has been able to get.
- Ryan Schultz: Don't have a lot of information. Found out about this on Wed night...owner of Baldwin St Grill. Has anyone asked the homeless where they want to be? Many other facilities are underfunded....maybe use this money for those. Timeline is rushed. Not against/not for. Will this help the real problem? Let's get some homes. Has been looking around for a home in this area.
- Chris...live out on E. Wash. Son goes to Tenney Nursery. His safety is what matters to me. If you think Tenney Nursery will be here in 5-10 years....no...not if this goes forward. If you think any negotiating after loan closing...NO. If haven't been ask now...will be done.
- Madeline M...Ech's partner have a son ....goes to Tenney Nursery. She sees confusion...why now why here...rushed. Hear fear...that NH will change...not be safe. Arguments about what others will think. Can't shelter kids from everything. Shouldn't see it as being dumped in our back yard. Opportunity to do something good. Don't bar gates. Offer more.
- Jill .... Director of Tenney Nursery...was not going to speak. Outlook from children's point of view. Wonderful families...different opinions. Children have wonderful friends. A lot of East high school kids...still have same friends. Support having homeless shelters. Has 3 step children....they have had problems....one went to Road Home. One survived Heroin addiction and homelessness. The Nursery got a letter from county...offering to help build a fence, and install a camera. Told story about children climbing play structure to see the train go by. With the tall fence...won't be able to see that train. Fear....where will these people go after they leave here. Carport by Tenney nursery...homeless sleep there now. Have had to kick them out...without a day shelter here...will have many more in the carport.
- Joy...30 years in NH...lots of questions...accepted offer. Comprehensive day resource center. By last week of this month .... written RFP....why no more details. Who can give that info.?
  - Heidi...have an RFP put out over a year ago. Withdrew application since didn't have a site. That has been written...based on report. Will be on website. Contracts will have to be approved by county board. Summary of uses passed around. Will work hard to get additional information.
- David Waugh...if we are going do an RFP in a month...how can NH have input....to help shape RFP?
  - Heidi...hard for county to answer questions until have the operator.

- DW: if NH put condition that they had to have bus to take people to night shelter would County have the budget?
- HW: \$100,000 in County budget for operations...hope for some from city. Budget considerations...in 2016 budget process...need to get appropriate \$\$\$ in budget.
- Marsha Rummel....have been serving on homeless issues committee for three years....asked what homeless want....haircut, laundry, If you don't have a house do you become a problem...some have mental health problems....damaged people in the world. I know people are concerned.

Conditional use to allow siting is what she did. All your comments are things that could be in conditions. Uses and enjoyment are part of that process....Housing first as strategy is great but we don't have enough housing. 2.5% vacancy.

- Jessica...what if the budget is not sufficient to run things....
  - Marsha....will be money...keep in mind human beings in need.
- NH parent....Jenifer St...kids went to Tenney Lapham...works with homeless families. Want a safe place for kids. Good education for kids. Want to have neighbors who care about them. Parents need a place to go with their young kids....one stop...case manager, food, job counseling, they want a place to go. They appreciate what they get. Housing is the answer...but not available.
- Herb...lives on the 1400 block E Dayton with wife and son. Homelessness can happen to anyone...my concern....I need time to think about this. Within one month...it may be too late to impact outcome. Can this really take place of job center? Concern re those who don't have a place to stay at night ... will they sleep on Mullins loading dock or where? Will they really walk 14 blocks....to square to nighttime places to stay? The homeless day resource center needs to near the places people will stay. Loading dock lighted... As a person living here want to be more a part of the process....happening too fast.
- Carl Landsness...around here for 10 after living away .... grew up here. Was a yuppie, home owner, etc. Then lived in car. Now attaining sanity by looking to a higher power. Opportunity to work together for a win win...this is a gift.
- Michael Ryanjoy: difficult to develop a response...
- Pat K: decisions have been made? Feels like a done deal.
  - John H: thanks to everyone for expressing concerns. County staff have been writing down issues and questions. Meetings that lead up to County Board purchase. Accepted offer contingent on County Board approval. City must also approve conditional use

permit. Starts after county process. RFP to choose operator. Must be a management plan to get a CUP. Conditions binding.

- Denise Matyka: majority of support on county board for project. Agrees sounds like a done deal. Who ran last center?

John H: don't know if majority approve. Board voted money to buy a site. Winning applicant for prior....Z Haukness...Shine 608? Same as who ran last 827 E. Wash.

Zellers: Still listening and learning. Have not come down on one side or the other. It will be very important for people to weigh in ... particularly related to desired conditions. Input on conditions can have an impact. TLNA and TLNA steering committees have had an impact on conditions that have been added.