

TLNA Steering Committee on Conversion of Messner Property to a Day Center for the Homeless

This steering committee will evaluate the County's proposal for converting the Messner property at 1326 E. Washington Avenue into a day center for the homeless. The committee will evaluate the County's proposal, as well as evaluate the City's need to grant conditional uses concerning the proposed usage of the property.

Like other TLNA steering committees on development matters, this committee will serve in an advisory capacity to TLNA Council. The full TLNA Council will vote on some level of support for the proposal after ingesting steering committee reports.

Typically, TLNA steering committees have not voted on a level of support for particular development proposals, but have instead issued detailed findings to the TLNA Council so they can then cast informed votes when determining the Council's level of support. On the other hand, the steering committee can choose to vote on some level of support for the county's proposal if the committee members agree to do so. The TLNA Council can consider any committee vote when the Council votes, but is not obliged to vote in the same manner.

Note that the steering committee's charge will include evaluating the County's proposal and to collaborate with the County and City in an attempt to produce a set of conditions and concerns related to any planning changes, as well as conditional use permits that are required by the City. This evaluation and collaboration is an attempt to find common ground where possible and to end up with a final proposal that meets the needs of the County, the neighborhood and the City. Given that the County Board of Supervisors may approve the purchase of the site prior to or just after the steering committee's first meeting, committee actions on that matter are TBD.

Other interested neighbors, representatives from City and County entities, service providers and interested parties are encouraged to attend meetings and participate, but deliberations will be limited to committee members.